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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

State has fastest rise in cases in US

New infections up 116% from two weeks prior

By Alex Putterman Hartford Courant

COVID-19 cases are increasing more rapidly in Connecticut than in any other U.S. state, according to numbers released Friday.

Connecticut has now averaged 738 daily COVID-19 cases over the past seven days, up 116% from two weeks prior. No other state has experienced such a rapid increase, per data aggregated by the New York Times.

Because Connecticut started from a low rate of transmission, it still has less COVID-19 cases than many other states, including all of its neighbors. But with the trends heading in the wrong direction heading into the holidays, experts urge caution — and vaccination.

"We need to embrace normalcy at this point, but we need to be smart about it," Dr. Ulysses Wu, an infectious disease specialist at Hartford HealthCare, said Friday. "Who are the people you are going to be hanging out with, how many people are going to be coming, and what is their vaccination status?"

After a summer in which COVID-19 transmission was highest in the southern half of the United States, the northern part of the country, including the Northeast, is having an increasingly difficult fall. Of the five states with the sharpest recent increase in cases, according to the New York Times, four are in New England.

Dr. Manisha Juthani, who in addition to being Connecticut's public health commissioner is also an infectious disease specialist, said Thursday that she doesn't expect the state's current uptick to be as severe as last winter's surge but that residents should be prepared for the numbers to continue rising.
"It's the delta variant that's

circulating, and now we have cold weather and other things that are going to make it more likely for people to get infected," she said.

Cases, positivity rate

Connecticut reported 860 new COVID-19 cases on Tuesday out of 26,266 tests, for a daily positivity rate of 3.27%. The state's seven-day positivity rate now stands at 3.07%, highest at a given time since early

Connecticut's average of 738 daily COVID-19 cases over the past week is the state's highest at a time since mid-September. Vacci-

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Kyle Rittenhouse closes his eyes and cries as he is found not guilty on all counts on Friday in Kenosha, Wis. SEAN KRAJACIC/THE KENOSHA NEWS

JURY ACQUITS RITTENHOUSE

Teen not guilty on all counts after shootings during Kenosha unrest

By Michael Tarm, Scott Bauer and Amy Forliti

Associated Press

KENOSHA, Wis. — Kyle Rittenhouse was acquitted of all charges Friday after pleading self-defense in the deadly Kenosha shootings that became a flashpoint in the debate over guns, vigilantism and racial injustice in the U.S.

Rittenhouse, 18, began to choke up, fell forward toward the defense table and then hugged one of his attorneys as he heard a court clerk recite "not guilty" five times. A sheriff's deputy immediately whisked him out a back door.

"He wants to get on with his life," defense attorney Mark Richards said. "He has a huge sense of relief for what the jury did to him today. He wishes none of this ever happened. But as he said when he testified, he did not start this."

The verdict in the politically combustible case was met with anger and disappointment from those who saw Rittenhouse as a vigilante and a wannabe cop, and relief and vindication from those who regarded him as a patriot who wanted to stop lawlessness and exercised his Second Amendment right to carry a gun and to defend himself.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, the longtime civil rights leader, said

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Protesters argue outside the Kenosha County Courthouse on Friday. Kyle Rittenhouse was acquitted of all charges after pleading self-defense in the deadly Kenosha shootings. PAUL SANCYA/AP

Courant editor-in-chief appointed executive editor of NY Daily News

By Stephen Singer

Hartford Courant

Andrew Julien, editor-in-chief and publisher of the Hartford Courant, has been appointed executive editor of the New York Daily News, Tribune Publishing announced Friday.

He has been overseeing the Daily News editorial department on an interim basis since September and will formally take over Monday as executive editor.

"Andrew has done fantastic work these past several weeks, and we are delighted to have him officially onboard as executive editor of the New York Julien

Daily News," said Michael Gates, general manager of the Daily News. "Andrew is an innovative, prizewinning journalist who will help us revitalize the Daily News and reinvigorate our news coverage."

MediaNews Group Regional Publisher Kevin Corrado will take over business operations at the Courant on an interim basis and begin the search for a new editor in Hartford.

"Andrew has been a wonderful steward for the Courant, and while we're sorry to see him go, our loss is New York's gain,' Corrado said.

Julien, 62, has held numerous positions at the Courant over the past 30 years. He was part of the team that won a Pulitzer Prize in 1999 for its coverage of a state lottery employee's workplace shooting and under his leadership, the Courant was a finalist for a Pulitzer in 2013 for its coverage of the Sandy Hook massacre.

He has been a reporter, editor

and publisher.

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Bacon Academy cancels season

Football games cut amid probe of alleged Title IX violations

By Seamus McAvoy Hartford Courant

The remainder of the Bacon Academy football team's season has been canceled as the school investigates allegations of multiple Title IX violations, Colchester Superintendent Jeffrey Burt confirmed Thursday night.

An unspecified number of school staff members were placed on paid administrative leave as part of the ongoing investigations.

"The District has been conducting an investigation into incidents that involved the interactions of student athletes from two athletic teams," Burt wrote in an email statement.

The two teams were not specified, but Burt confirmed Friday that the personnel placed on leave included football coaches. Burt also said that the decision

to cancel the remainder of the football season was not punitive but due to a lack of personnel to staff the program.

"With the football coaches and staff on paid administrative leave during the investigation, we could not provide the certified personnel required to ensure proper supervision for practices and games," he wrote.

It was unknown specifically what Title IX violations allegedly occurred. Investigations into Title IX center around genderbased violations of school policy and could include instances of harassment, discrimination based on sex and/or sexual

The investigation could take some time to complete: Burt said the specific procedures schools must follow while advancing a Title IX investigation "significantly increase" the length.

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State joins national probe of harm by **Instagram on youths**

Connecticut is joining a nationwide investigation by state attorneys general into the effects of Instagram on the physical and mental health of children and young adults, the state's attorney general's office announced Thursday. Connecticut, Page 1

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A student at Eastern Connecticut State University is tested for COVID-19 earlier this year. **COURANT FILE**

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nated residents have been about four times as likely to test positive as unvaccinated residents, according to state data.

As of Friday, Hartford, New Haven, Windham, Litchfield and New London Counties continued to record "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, while Fairfield, Middlesex and Tolland counties had "substantial" levels of transmission.

Hospitalizations

As of Friday, Connecticut has 247 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, up four from Thursday and matching the most at a time since Oct. 19. Hospitalizations have now increased 25% since Nov. 7.

Hospital officials say the vast majority of those hospitalized with serious COVID-19 symptoms are unvaccinated.

Deaths

Connecticut reports additional COVID-19 deaths once a week, on Thursdays. The state reported 25 COVID-19 deaths this week, bringing its total during the pandemic to 8,834.

The United States has now recorded 769,163 deaths related to COVID-19, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Vaccinations

As of Friday, 82% of all Connecticut residents and 92.9% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 71.5% of all residents and 82.1% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Additionally, 19.8% of fully vaccinated residents 18 or older have received a booster.

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"I am honored, humbled and thrilled," Julien said. "The New York Daily News is a vital and vibrant part of the media landscape that hums each day with stories and photographs that engage and inform readers in the city and across the nation," he said.

He will be returning to the city where he grew up. "While I am excited about this new opportunity, this is a bittersweet moment," Julien said. "I've

been at the Courant more

than 30 years and have

and — most recently — the coronavirus pandemic." New York-based hedge fund Alden Global Capital, owners of MediaNews Group, purchased Tribune Publishing in May, taking the Chicago-based newspaper chain private and

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The office of the first selectman in Colchester did not have any more information regarding the investigation as of Thursday evening, according to a statement posted to Facebook.

"For the record: The First Selectman has not received any information regarding the alleged incident and serious investigation from either the Superintendent of Schools nor the Chair of the Board of Education," the office wrote.

"I have received concerns from parents about the ongoing situation, but it would be premature for me to comment at this time because of lack of verification. If even a fraction of what I am hearing is true, this is a serious concern.

"I expect complete transparency and accountability regarding the situation and its overall outcome."

Bacon Academy was scheduled to play Windham on Saturday and RHAM on Nov. 25. Both games will be forfeited by the team.

Further details, including when the alleged incidents took place, were not released.

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KYLE RITTENHOUSE TRIAL

Hartford activist: 'It wasn't surprising'

Acquittal a point of frustration for local protesters

By Seamus McAvoy Hartford Courant

The acquittal on all charges Friday of Kyle Rittenhouse, the 18-yearold who fatally shot two people and wounded another during protests related to police misconduct in Kenosha, Wisconsin, sparked frustration — but not surprise — among local activists.

About half a dozen protesters gathered Friday afternoon on the corner of Asylum and Main Streets in downtown Hartford, across from Connecticut's Old State House, to wave a Black Lives Matter flag and lead chants of "No justice, no peace."

Cornell Lewis, a Hartford activist and founder of the Self Defense Brigade, spoke at length at passersby through a large megaphone, describing the verdict as another failure of the coun-

try's justice system.
"It wasn't surprising, considering how America's justice system is tilted toward people who are not brown or Black," Lewis told the Courant. "However, [the jury] dropped all charges against [Rittenhouse], and it gets aggravating.'

Rittenhouse faced a potential sentence of life in prison if found guilty on the most serious charge, first-degree intentional homicide.

Rittenhouse also faced



Social justice advocate Cornell Lewis speaks out in downtown Hartford on Friday against the acquittal on all charges in the trial of Kyle Rittenhouse. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

one count of first-degree reckless homicide, two counts of first-degree recklessly endangering safety and first-degree attempted intentional homicide, among other charges that were dismissed during the

"I thought [the jury was] going to do something, but they didn't," Lewis said. "Time and time again, Black people keep accepting this stuff. The people need to wake up and do something

"It's time we do something more than protest and pray ... If prayers were meaningful, God would have answered us a long time ago," he added.

The conviction of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd gave hope to some social and racial justice activists following nearly a year of protests on police and race issues, but Lewis called the verdict "once out of a hundred."

"They convicted Chauvin as a sacrificial lamb because they knew this whole country was getting ready to blow sky high," Lewis said. Chauvin was found guilty

of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. Lewis' disappointment

was echoed by other activ-"This is the verdict that

proves the rule," Iliana Pujols, policy director for the Connecticut Justice Alliance, said in a statement. As long as we live in a world that sees some young people as threats and others as victims, the fruits of our justice system will always be rank with injustice."

"The only appropriate response to a verdict like this is to double down on our efforts to support young people throughout the state and to urge state legislators to adopt policies that transform and disrupt the systems that support these injustices," Pujols contin-

"White boy on trial, we once again get the message that our lives don't matter," said Kamora Herrington, a Hartford activist and founder of Kamora's Cultural Center, in a Facebook Live. "We all knew what was going to happen, we all knew [Rittenhouse] was going to walk free."

Po Murray, chairwoman of Newtown Action Aliance, a Newtown-based grassroots organization formed after the Sandy Hook shootings, said the verdict "should terrify all Americans," in a statement

"A 17-year-old teenager who is not eligible to purchase an AR-15 open-carried a weapon of war to a social justice protest and killed 36-yearold Joseph Rosenbaum and 26-year-old Anthony Huber and injured 27-year-old Gaige Grosskreutz."

Murray called on Congress to ban assault weapons and open carry laws "to protect Americans from political violence."

Lewis was joined by only a handful of other protesters on the corner of Asylum and Main, which he attributed to the chilly temperature and icy wind. "I'm not worried about it because there's more things people are planning, but we felt the need to get out here today."

Further demonstrations are planned over the weekend, he said, but the details weren't final.

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the verdict throws into doubt the safety of people who protest in support of Black Americans.

"It seems to me that it's open season on human rights demonstrators," he said.

Rittenhouse was charged with homicide, attempted homicide and reckless endangering for killing two men and wounding a third with an AR-style semi-automatic rifle in the summer of 2020 during a tumultuous night of protests over the shooting of a Black man, Jacob Blake, by a white Kenosha police officer.

He said he went to Kenosha to protect property from rioters. He is white, as were those he shot.

The jury, whose racial makeup was not disclosed by the court but appeared to be overwhelmingly white, deliberated for close to 3 ½ days.

President Joe Biden called for calm, saying that while the outcome of the case "will leave many Americans feeling angry and concerned, myself included, we must acknowledge that the jury has spoken."

Rittenhouse could have gotten life in prison if found guilty on the most serious charge, first-degree intentional homicide, or what some other states call first-degree murder. Two other charges each carried over 60 years behind bars.

Kenosha County District Attorney Michael Gravelev said his office respects the jury's decision, and he asked the public to "accept the verdicts peacefully and not resort to violence."

Ahead of the verdict, Democratic Gov. Tony Evers announced last week that 500 National Guard members stood ready in case of trouble after the verdict.

As he dismissed the

jurors, Circuit Judge Bruce Schroeder assured them the court would take "every measure" to keep them safe.

Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, who is Black and a Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, denounced the outcome. He. like many civil rights activists, saw a racial double standard at work in the case.

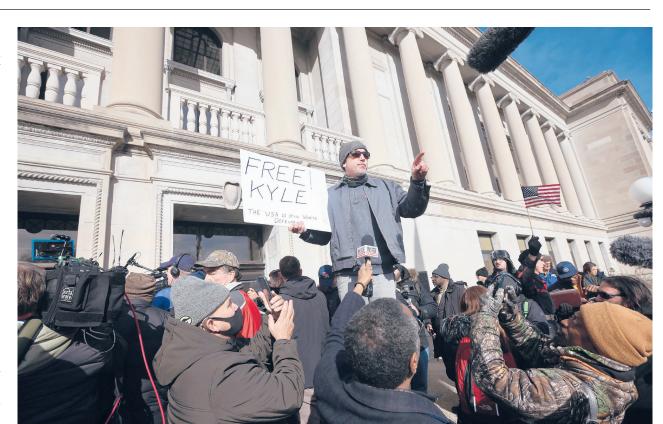
"Many dreaded the outcome we just witnessed," Barnes said. "The presumption of innocence until proven guilty is what we should expect from our judicial system, but that standard is not always applied equally. We have seen so many black and brown youth killed, only to be put on trial posthumously, while the innocence of Kyle Rittenhouse was virtually demanded by the judge."

The case was part of an extraordinary confluence of trials that reflected the deep divide over race in the United States: In Georgia, three white men are on trial in the killing of Ahmaud Arbery, while in Virginia, a trial is underway in a lawsuit over the deadly white-supremacist rally held in Charlottesville in 2017.

The bloodshed in Kenosha took place during a summer of sometimes-violent protests set off across the U.S. by the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis and other cases involving the police use of force

against Black people. Rittenhouse was 17 when he went to Kenosha from his home in nearby Antioch, Illinois, after businesses were ransacked and burned in the nights that followed Blake's shooting. Rittenhouse carried a weapon authorities said was illegally purchased for the underage youth, joining other armed civilians on the streets.

Bystander and drone video captured most of the frenzied chain of events that



Brandon Lesco, a supporter of Kyle Rittenhouse, celebrates outside of the Kenosha County Courthouse after learning that Rittenhouse was acquitted of all charges on Friday in Kenosha, Wis. SCOTT OLSON/GETTY PHOTOS

followed: Rittenhouse killed Joseph Rosenbaum, 36, then shot to death protester Anthony Huber, 26, and wounded demonstrator Gaige Grosskreutz, now 28.

At trial, prosecutors portrayed Rittenhouse as responsible for creating a dangerous situation in the first place by pointing his rifle at demonstrators.

But Rittenhouse testified: "I didn't do anything wrong. I defended myself."

Breaking into sobs at one point, he told the jury he opened fire after Rosenbaum chased him and made a grab for his gun. He said he was afraid his own rifle was going to be used to kill him.

Huber was then killed after hitting Rittenhouse with a skateboard, and Grosskreutz was shot after pointing a gun of his own at Rittenhouse.



Bishop Tavis Grant of Rainbow Push hugs Hannah Gittings, the girlfriend of Anthony Huber, after she spoke to the media after the verdict was announced in Kyle Rittenhouse's trial. Rittenhouse was acquitted of homicide charges and other offenses in the fatal shootings of Joseph Rosenbaum and Huber and for shooting and wounding Gaige Grosskreutz.



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House OKs \$2T social, climate bill

Legislation moves to the Senate where uncertainty assured

By Alan Fram Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A fractious House handed President Joe Biden a marquee victory Friday by approving a roughly \$2 trillion social and environment bill, as Democrats cast aside disputes that for months had stalled the measure and hampered efforts to sell their priorities to voters.

Lawmakers approved the legislation 220-213 as every Democrat but one backed it, overcoming unanimous Republican opposition. The measure now heads to the Senate, where changes are certain and disputes between cost-conscious Democratic moderates and progressives who seek bold policy changes will flare

For the moment, Democrats were happy to shake off a dispiriting period of off-year election setbacks, tumbling Biden poll numbers and public disgruntlement over inflation, stalled supply chains and the pandemic. All that and the party's nasty internal bickering have left voters with little idea of how the legislation might help them, polls have shown.

"Above all, it puts us on the path to build our economy back better than before by rebuilding the backbone of America: working people and the middle class," Biden said in a statement.

He told reporters at the White House he expected the legislation to "take awhile" to move through the Senate but declared, "I will



Speaker Nancy Pelosi, center, celebrates with Democratic lawmakers on Friday after the House voted. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

sign it. Period."

The legislation, among the most expensive in years, is remarkable for its reach. It rewrites tax, health care, environment, education, housing and other policies, shoring up low- and middle-income families, helping the elderly and combating climate change.

Most of it would be paid for with tax boosts on the country's highest earners, biggest corporations and companies doing business abroad. That includes new surtaxes on people earning over \$10 million annually and a corporate minimum

Because of its size, scope

and status as a symbol of what Democrats stand for, each party thinks the package will help in next year's midterm elections, when Republicans have a solid chance at capturing House and Senate control.

"Hey, hey, goodbye," GOP lawmakers sang, taunting Democrats during the vote. Republicans call the measure a waste of money that will worsen budget deficits, overheat an inflation-battered economy and show voters that Democrats can't resist ever-larger government.

Democrats see the 2,100page legislation as overdue and long-lasting help for a vast swath of the nation.

The bill "will be the pillar of health and financial security in America," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "If you are a parent, a senior, a child, a worker, if you are an American, this bill is for you."
"Build Back Better,"

chanted Democrats, embracing and jumping with glee at the front of the chamber as the roll call wound down. That's the name Biden has given the bill — a companion piece to his other domestic priority, the bipartisan \$1 trillion package of broadband, road and other infrastructure projects he signed into law

this week.

In Congress' latest dose of partisan bitterness. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., had delayed the latest bill's expected approval on Thursday when he unleashed an eight hour 32 minute diatribe against the legislation, the president and Democrats.

McCarthy glared as Democrats booed and groaned during what became the longest speech in House history, remarks that included personal insults aimed at Pelosi. As minority leader in 2018, she held the previous record, speaking for eight hours and

seven minutes about immi-

"I don't know if it's a farewell tour," McCarthy said of recent trips to Europe by Pelosi, who some think may be serving her last term in Congress. "If it is, I want a T-shirt."

Most of the bill's costs come from mountains of new spending, though there are also hundreds of billions in tax credits for encouraging certain goals.

It has over \$500 billion for clean energy projects plus tax incentives for utilities turning to less polluting fuels and people buying electric vehicles. There's money for child care, job training, housing, free preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds, in-home care for seniors and new hearing benefits for Medicare recipients.

People, and the government, too, would save money from new curbs on prescription drug prices, though the provisions are modest compared to tougher requirements most Democrats preferred. There would be extended tax credits for families with children. for some low-earning workers and for people purchasing private health coverage.

In language that helped win support from lawmak-ers from high-cost coastal states, the bill would increase federal deductions people can take for state and local taxes. The provision, which would largely benefit affluent earners, would cost above \$220 billion over the next five years, making it one of the legislation's costliest programs.

Rep. Jared Golden of Maine, one of Congress' more conservative Democrats, was the only no vote from his party.

CDC recommends giving booster shots for all adults

Endorsement made as COVID-19 cases rising again in US

By Apoorva Mandavilli The New York Times

Faced with rising infections and an anticipated surge in holiday travel, scientific advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday endorsed booster shots of the coronavirus vaccines for all Americans older than 18.

The agency's director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, endorsed the advisers' recommendation later Friday.

The move will fulfill President Joe Biden's pledge in August to make the extra doses available to all adults, but it arrives after months of scientific debate over whether most people really needed boosters. The shots are already available at many drugstores, doctors offices and vaccination centers.

The CDC advisers said Americans older than 50, as well as those 18 and older living in long-term care facilities, "should" get booster shots of the Pfizer-BioN-Tech or Moderna vaccines. All other adults older than 18 "may" get booster doses, the panel decided.

Recipients of Johnson & Johnson's one-dose vaccine already were cleared to get a booster at least two months after the initial shot.

Earlier Friday, the Food and Drug Administration authorized booster shots for all Americans older than 18. But the CDC usually sets the clinical guidelines adopted by the medical profession.

Many experts worried that extra doses were not needed by most adults to prevent serious illness and death, and that a push for boosters could constrain global vaccine supplies even as people in many poor countries have not received their first doses.

But infection rates are rising again in the United States and soaring in much

Health officials in Europe, and now in the United States, see booster shots as a way of shoring up defenses against a tenacious enemy and gaining the upper hand in the pandemic. France, for example, has mandated booster shots for those older than 65 who wish to get a health pass permitting access to public venues.

"Look what other countries are doing now about adopting a booster campaign virtually for everybody," Dr. Anthony Fauci, the Biden administration's top COVID adviser, said at a conference Tuesday. "I think if we do that, and we do it in earnest, I think by the spring, we can have pretty good control of

In the United States, infections have increased by 33% on average over the past two weeks, to 94,000 a day. The CDC's decision landed just as Americans prepare to spend the holidays with family and friends, gatherings likely to accelerate the

The shots may help forestall at least some infections. particularly in older adults and those with certain health conditions. But many experts, including some who advise federal agencies, are skeptical that boosters alone can turn the tide.

The extra shots are unlikely to offer much benefit to adults younger than 65, who remain protected from severe illness and hospitalization by the initial immunization, the experts said.

"Overall protection remains high for severe disease and hospitalization," said Dr. Sara Oliver, a public health researcher at the CDC, told the scientific advisers meeting Friday.

Moreover, more than 100 million Americans have not received even the first dose



A resident at a nursing home in the Riverdale neighborhood of the Bronx receives a booster dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in September. JAMES ESTRIN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

of a coronavirus vaccine. In the United States, as in Europe, deep pockets of vaccine-resistant adults are likely to prolong the pandemic, however well protected their neighbors may be.

Many pandemic-weary Americans, too, seem unmoved by the sudden push for boosters. More than 85% of the adult population became eligible when the CDC added depression and other mental illnesses to the list of conditions that qualify people for an extra vaccine

But only about 18% have chosen to get one. And those may not be the people most in need of extra protection.

The most effective strategy for the administration would be to rush booster doses to residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities, said Dr. Celine Gounder, an infectious disease specialist at Bellevue Hospital Center. These are the adults mostly likely to

The Biden administration's single-minded

focus on boosters may take much-needed attention away from social distancing, masking and testing, some experts said. "Boosters are just one piece of the puzzle," said Dr. Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, chair of the department of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco. "A better public health approach would be to understand that right now, in the face of (the more contagious delta variant),we are going to need multiple tools."



Vice President Kamala Harris lands in Ohio on Friday after Joe Biden's procedure. BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/GETTY-AFP

Harris briefly in power for Biden colonoscopy

By Zeke Miller Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. President Joe Biden briefly transferred power to Vice President Kamala Harris on Friday while he underwent a routine colonoscopy, setting up a history-making moment as Harris became the first woman to hold that authority during the short time she stepped in as acting president.

President Joe Biden, 78, the oldest person to serve

as president, transferred power to Harris, the first woman, person of color and person of South Asian descent to be vice president, for one hour and 25 minutes, while he was under anesthesia at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. He turns 79 on Saturday. Press secretary Jen Psaki said Biden resumed his duties after speaking with Harris and White House chief of staff Ron Klain at approximately 11:35 a.m.

Interest in Biden's health

has been high ever since he declared his candidacy for the White House in 2019 and remains intense as speculation about a 2024 reelection bid swirls. The visit to the medical center in the Washington suburbs was for his first routine physical exam as president - and his first since December 2019.

While serving as acting president Harris was working from her office in the West Wing, Psaki said. She later traveled to Ohio once Biden awoke from the

Psaki said Biden's doctor's would release a "comprehensive written summary" of his physical, as is customary for presidents and presidential candidates. Former President Donald Trump, 75, was sharply criticized for releasing only cursory details on his health while running and serving in the White House, including concealing the seriousness of his COVID-19 illness a month before the 2020 presidential election.

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

Attorney accuses Arbery advocates of 'lynching' defendants

BRUNSWICK, Ga. -The defense attorney who caused an outcry by saying Black pastors should be barred from the murder trial over Ahmaud Arbery's death declared in court Friday that a courthouse rally supporting the slain Black man's family was comparable to a "public lynching" of the three white defendants.

"This case has been infected by things that have nothing to do with the guilt or innocence of these defendants," attorney Kevin Gough told the judge, arguing that civil rights activists are trying to influence the disproportionately white

Gough renewed a request for a mistrial the day after the Rev. Al Sharpton, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Martin Luther King III joined hundreds of pastors, most of them Black, praying and rallying at the steps of the Glynn County courthouse. The event was organized after Gough last week objected to Sharpton sitting in the back row of the courtroom with Arbery's parents.

"This is what a public lynching looks like in the 21st century," Gough told the judge, saying his client's right to a fair trial was being violated by a "left woke mob."

Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley dismissed the mistrial motion with little discus-

"I don't recall any disruption in the courtroom itself," the judge said of Thursday's rally, which coincided with defense testimony.

Gough is the lead attornev for William "Roddie" Bryan, who joined father and son Greg and Travis McMichael in pursuing Arbery in pickup trucks after spotting the 25-year-old man running in their coastal Georgia

neighborhood on Feb. 23, 2020. Bryan took cellphone video of Travis McMichael shooting Arbery as he threw punches and grabbed for the

Arbery's killing later became part of the broader reckoning on racial injustice in the criminal legal system after a string of fatal encounters between Black people

Gough has repeatedly raised concerns about outside activists seeking to influence the case. He made the lynching remark after prosecutor Linda Dunikoski accused Gough of intentionally provoking outrage among Black pastors and civil rights activists.

"They are responding to what he strategically, knowingly, intelligently did so that there would be a response so that he could then complain of it," Dunikoski said.

Closing arguments are set for Monday

Blinken warning: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Friday called on African nations to heed warnings posed by crises in Ethiopia and Sudan, take seriously popular demands for better governance and enact reforms.

In a speech outlining the Biden administration's policy toward the continent, Blinken said growing extremism, increasing authoritarianism and exploding corruption in Africa are imperiling democracy, human rights and the future of a massive portion of the world's popu-

Blinken delivered the message in Nigeria's capital of Abuja, a day after telling Nigerian leaders and officials in Kenya the day before that the U.S. is looking to them for results, including setting examples for their Ethiopian and Sudanese counterparts.



President Joe Biden pardons a turkey named Peanut Butter on Friday during the 74th National Thanksgiving Turkey Presentation at the White House in Washington. Also attending are Phil Seger, chairman of the National Turkey Federation, left, and Andrea Welp, a turkey grower from Indiana. SARAHBETH MANEY/THE NEW YORK TIMES

"Authoritarianism is on the rise around the world." he said in an address at the Abuja-based headquarters of the Economic Community of West African States regional bloc.

He cited threats to free speech and freedom of assembly that have been on the rise and that civilian governments in Africa have been toppled at least four times this year.

Sequoias burn: Light-ning-sparked wildfires killed thousands of giant sequoias this year, adding to a staggering two-year death toll that accounts for up to nearly a fifth of Earth's largest trees, officials said Friday. Fires in Sequoia National Park and the surrounding national forest that also bears the trees' name tore through more than a third of groves in California and torched an estimated 2,261 to 3,637 sequoias, which are the largest trees by volume. Fires in the same area last year killed an unprecedented 7,500 to 10,400 of the 75,000 trees that are only native in about 70 groves scattered along the western side of the Sierra Nevada

Intense fires that burned hot enough and high enough to kill so many giant sequoias trees once considered nearly fire-proof — under-line the impact of climate

Derogatory place names: U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland on Friday formally declared "squaw" a derogatory term and said she is taking steps to remove it from federal government use and to replace other

derogatory place names. Haaland is ordering a federal panel tasked with naming geographic places to implement procedures to eliminate what she called racist terms from federal use. The decision provides momentum to a movement that has included the dismantling of other historical markers and monuments considered offensive across the country.

"Our nation's lands and waters should be places to celebrate the outdoors and our shared cultural heritage not to perpetuate the legacies of oppression," Haaland

said in a statement.

Under Haaland's order, a federal task force will find replacement names for geographic features on federal lands bearing the term "squaw," which has been used as a slur, particularly for Indigenous women. A database maintained by the Board on Geographic Names shows there are more than 650 federal sites with names that contain the

The first Native American to lead a Cabinet agency, Haaland is from Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico.

Europe migrants: Polish authorities said Friday there are no more migrants camping along the Belarus side of the European Union's eastern border, but attempts at illegally crossing into the bloc's territory are continuing and becoming more

And Ukraine, which also borders Belarus, said it would build a border fence and ditch and hold military drills to forestall any attempted influx of migrants.

Around 50 migrants got through a fence into EU member Poland on Thursday, Anna Michalska, a spokeswoman for Poland's Border Guard said. They included a family of five who said they wanted to stay in Poland, opening a procedure toward settlement. The others will have to return to Belarus, Michalska said.

Constitution auction: A rare first printing of the U.S. Constitution sold at Sotheby's in New York for \$43.2 million, a record price for a document or book sold at auction.

The buyer, hedge fund manager Kenneth Griffin, will loan the document to the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Arkansas, for exhibition, Sotheby's said Friday.



protesting against, in Singhu, on the outskirts of New Delhi, India, Friday. MANISH SWARUP/AP

Bowing to protests, India's Modi to repeal farm laws

By Sheikh Saaliq Associated Press

NEW DELHI - In a major reversal, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Friday that he would repeal the controversial agriculture laws that sparked yearlong protests from tens of thousands of farmers and posed a significant challenge to his administration.

Farmers, who form one of India's most influential voting blocs, have camped out on the outskirts of the capital since November of last year to demand the withdrawal of the laws, which they feared would dramatically reduce their incomes.

Modi's surprise decision, in a televised national address, came ahead of elections early next year in key states like Uttar Pradesh and Punjab that are significant agricultural producers and where his Bharatiya Janata Party is eager to shore up its support. Experts said it was too early to say if it would

The prime minister urged the protesters to return home, but the farmers have said they will stay

put until the laws are gone a process that will begin in December when Parliament sits for its winter session.

"I want to say with a sincere and pure heart that maybe something was lacking in our efforts that we could not explain the truth to some of our farmer brothers," Modi said during the address. He added: "Let us make a fresh start."

The move represented a rare climbdown for the 71-year-old leader, who has stood firm in the face of fierce criticism over other steps his government took, such as abruptly banning high-denomination currency notes and revoking Muslim majority Kashmir's semiautonomous powers.

He also backed a citizenship law that excludes Muslim immigrants, even in the face of sometimes violent protests.

But farmers are a particularly influential voting bloc in India — both for their sheer numbers but also because and they are often romanticized as the heart and soul of the nation. They are especially important to Modi's base and make up

substantial portions of the population in some states his party rules.

"Modi projects himself as a bold, determined leader who doesn't back down. And yet he's done just that, to a farmer's movement that his government had maligned for months," said Michael Kugelman of the Asia Program at the Washington-based Wilson Center.

Modi had long defended the laws, which were passed in September last year, as necessary to modernize India's agricultural sector. But farmers feared they would end a system under which the government guaranteed prices for certain essential crops - first introduced in the 1960s to help shore up food reserves and prevent short-

While the government said it was willing to pledge the guaranteed prices would continue, the farmers wanted legislation saying such prices were

their legal right. They contended that without guarantees, they would be at the mercy of the markets and that would spell disaster.

Austria planning to mandate COVID-19 shots for all adults

By Jason Horowitz and Melissa Eddy The New York Times

Austria on Friday became the first Western democracy to announce that it would mandate COVID-19 vaccinations for its entire adult population as it prepared for a nationwide lockdown

starting Monday. The extraordinary measure by Austria, which only days ago separated itself from the rest of Europe by introducing a lockdown for the unvaccinated, who are driving a surge of infections, made for another alarming statement about the severity of the fourth wave of the virus in Europe, now the epicen-

ter of the pandemic. But it also showed that increasingly desperate governments are losing their patience with vaccine skeptics and shifting from voluntary to obligatory measures to promote vaccinations and beat back a virus that shows no sign of waning, rattling global markets at the prospect that still tentative economic recoveries will be undone.

Some European countries — including Germany, which once seemed a model of how to manage the virus are now facing their worst levels of infections in the nearly two years since the pandemic began.

The surge, health authorities say, is being driven by stubborn resistance to getting vaccinated in deep pockets of the population, cold weather driving people indoors, and loosened restrictions, rather than new variants.

"For a long time — maybe too long - I and others assumed that it must be possible to convince people in Austria to voluntarily get vaccinated," Chancellor Alexander Schallenberg of Austria said Friday. "We therefore have reached a very difficult decision to introduce a national vaccine



People walk through a market Friday in Vienna that will close next week under a lockdown order. JOE KLAMAR/GETTY-AFP

mandate."

With its latest move, Austria significantly moved ahead of other European countries that have inched up to, but not crossed, a threshold that once seemed unthinkable. The announcement drew an immediate threat of violent protest this weekend by leaders of anti-vaccine movements and the far-right Freedom Party.

Many European countries have already instituted mandates in all but name only - requiring strict health passes as proof of vaccination, recovery from infection or a negative test to partake in most social functions, travel or to go to work. Many already require children to be vaccinated against measles and other

illnesses to attend school. The notion of requiring vaccination in adults against COVID was a line that Europe had seemed unwilling to cross, however, with leaders often contrasting their respect for civil liberties with authoritari-

an-styled countries. But just as lockdowns have become a fact of life, vaccine mandates are increasingly becoming plausible. German lawmakers in parliament voted Thursday to force unvaccinated people going to work or using public transit to provide daily test results. The country's vaccination rate among adults is about 79%, according to data from the Robert Koch Institute in Germany. The rate is one of the lowest in Western Europe.

On Friday, Jens Spahn, the acting health minister in Germany, was asked whether a general lockdown was possible for the country. "We are in a position where nothing should be ruled out," he said.

Austria's new vaccine mandate will take effect in February, in the hopes that as many people as possible will be motivated to sign up for their initial inoculations but also booster shots, Austria's health minister, Wolfgang Mückstein, said.

It also gave leaders time to formalize legal guidelines for the mandate, he said, adding that there would be exceptions for people who are not able to be vaccinated.

The health ministry said Friday's announcement was only the first step in drawing up a law that would establish the mandate, a process that would involve civil society and a careful review.

Details about how the law would be carried out and enforced would not be available until the process had been completed, it said.

BUSINESS

2 Dem senators oppose Powell as Fed chairman

Incumbent's stance on climate change draws opposition from Biden's party

By Christopher Rugaber

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Two Democratic senators said Friday that they oppose the nomination of Jerome Powell to a second term as chair of the Federal Reserve, saying Powell has been insufficiently committed to fighting climate change, an issue that the world's central banks are increasingly confronting.

Their opposition comes as President Joe Biden is expected to announce within days whom he will choose for the nation's most powerful economic position. Many Fed watchers expect Powell to be offered a second term, though Lael Brainard, a member of the Fed's Board of Governors, has emerged as the leading alternative.

"President Biden must appoint a Fed Chair who ... shares the Administration's view that fighting climate change is the responsibility of every policymaker," Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse from Rhode Island and Jeff Merkley from Oregon said in a statement. "That person is not Jerome Powell."

Including Whitehouse and Merkley, three Democratic senators have publicly said they will vote against Powell, a former private equity executive who was elevated to the Fed chairmanship by President Donald Trump and whose term expires in early February. The other is Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, who has called Powell "a dangerous man" to lead the Fed because of his support for loosening some bank regulations.

Powell has broad support among Senate Republicans, however, and if nominated would likely receive bipartisan backing. He was approved as Fed chair in early 2018 by an 84-13 vote, with 39 Democrats voting in favor, including Whitehouse. Merkley voted no, as did Vice President Kamala Harris, then a senator from California.

Brainard is seen as slightly more dovish than Powell, meaning she generally supports keeping interest rates low to support more hiring. With inflation running at three-decade highs, her nomination would likely rely more on Democratic support.

On Tuesday, Biden said he would announce a decision within several days.

Environmentalists warn that extreme weather, worsened by global warming, will increasingly create major losses for banks and insurance companies. Bank loans to commercial and residential properties near the coasts are at risk from rising ocean levels and other climate impacts, potentially threatening banks' financial health,

And lending to oil and gas companies carries additional risk as the world transitions to clean energy, environmentalists add. That suggests that banks should be more cautious before making loans to drilling and other companies in the energy

Such concerns have raised objections from conservatives, however, that the Fed could respond by taking steps to discourage bank loans to such companies. Powell said at a press conference earlier this month that "we do think we have a role in climate change."



Boosters in Taylor, Texas, hope attracting a semiconductor plant would help the small city's economy. ELI DURST/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Computer chip boom in US?

Officials in Ariz., NY. Texas see silver lining in shortage: A \$17 billion Samsung plant

By David McCabe The New York Times

TAYLOR, Texas - The shortage of computer chips has zapped energy from the global economy, punishing industries as varied as automakers and medical device manufacturers and contributing to fears about high inflation.

But many states and cities in America are starting to see a silver lining: the possibility that efforts to sharply increase chip production in the United States will lead to a busy chip factory in their backyard. And they are racing to get a piece of the potential boom.

One of those towns is Taylor, a Texas city of about 17,000 about a 40-minute drive northeast of Austin. Leaders here are pulling out all the stops to get a \$17 billion Samsung plant that the company plans to build in the United States starting early next

The city, its school district and the county plan to offer Samsung hundreds of millions of dollars in financial incentives, including tax rebates. The community also has arranged for water to be piped in from an adjacent county to be used by the plant.

But Taylor is not alone

Officials in Arizona and in New York are also trying to woo the company. So, too, are politicians in nearby Travis County, home to Austin, where Samsung already has a plant. Locations in all three states "offered robust property tax abatement" and funds to build out infrastructure for the plant, Samsung said in a filing.

Congress is considering whether to offer its own subsidies to chipmakers that build in the United States.

Where Samsung's plant will land remains anyone's guess. The company says it is still weighing where to put it.

The federal government has urged companies like Samsung, one of the world's largest makers of the high-tech components, to build new plants in the United States, calling it an economic and national security imperative. Intel broke ground on two plants in Arizona in September and could announce the location for a planned manufacturing campus by the end of the

This could just be a warm-up act. The Senate passed a bill to provide chipmakers \$52 billion in subsidies this year, a plan supported by the Biden administration that would be Washington's biggest investment in industrial policy in decades. The House has yet to consider it. Nine governors said in a letter to congressional leaders that the funding would "provide a new, powerful tool in our states' economic development

In Taylor, even the possibility of Samsung's arrival is generating hope.

Business owners say it would bring more patrons to the local brewery and to the quiet downtown. Parents think the factory's cutting-edge assembly line would inspire the town's high school students. Residents believe land prices would rise quickly; values have already edged up in recent months just on the possibility, one real estate agent said.

"Something like this can be a shot in the arm," said Ian Davis, CEO of Texas Beer Co., which opened a taproom in downtown Taylor five years ago.

But Critics of corporate tax incentives say the money could be better spent on basic infrastructure and on public schools.

The vast majority of semiconductors an industry that generated nearly \$450 billion in revenue in 2020 — are made in Taiwan, South Korea and mainland China. The United States controls 12% of global

2 selected for postal board could replace DeJoy allies

By Josh Boak Associated Press

President Joe Biden announced plans Friday to nominate two new members to the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors, a potential first step in removing Postmaster General Louis DeJoy.

A Trump appointee, DeJoy became a political lightning rod during the 2020 elections as changes he made to the postal service slowed delivery times during a key period when voters were trying to mail in their ballots.

Biden is replacing two of DeJoy's backers on the board, chair Ron Bloom and John Barger. However, the president would likely have to make additional appointments as terms expire in order for the board to replace DeJoy.

The president is nominating Daniel Tangherlini and Derek Kan to the board. Up to nine governors appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate can serve on the board.

And to give the board joint partisan representation, only five governors can belong to the same political party.

Tangherlini works as the managing director of the Emerson Collective, a private philanthropic firm.

"If confirmed, I look forward to serving and working to make sure the Postal Service is run as efficiently and effectively as possible," Tangherlini said in a statement.

Kan is an executive at Deliverr, an ecommerce fulfillment startup. During the Trump presidency, he was the deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget and also served as the under secretary for policy at the Transportation Department. He also worked as a policy adviser to Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell.

Kan said he "will work to strengthen the Postal Service so that it will continue to serve the American people well into the future."

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Japan's Cabinet OKs stimulus plan

TOKYO — Japan's Cabinet approved on Friday a record \$490 billion stimulus package, including cash handouts and aid to ailing businesses, to help the economy out of the doldrums worsened by the coronavi-

The package has more than enough content and scale to deliver a sense of security and hope to the people," Prime Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters.

The proposal won Cabinet approval in the evening, according to the prime minister's office. It still needs parliamentary approval. Kishida has promised speedy action, and parliament will convene next month, he said.

The plan includes doling out \$880 each in monetary assistance to those 18 years or younger, and aid for businesses.

Neb. jobless rate sets US record

OMAHA, Neb. — Nebraska's unemployment rate fell to a mere 1.9% last month, which was the lowest any state has reached since data collection began in 1976, according to labor statistics released Friday.

The October rate reported by Nebraska's labor department and the Bureau of Labor Statistics marked the first time a state's unemployment rate dropped below 2%.

Nebraska has maintained its status as the state with the lowest rate through much of the pandemic. It's 1.9% rate for October was down slightly from the September rate of

The unemployment rates have been even lower in the state's two largest metropolitan areas. The Omaha area's rate in October was 1.7%, while the Lincoln area's was 1.3%.

Ford strikes deal to ensure flow of US chips

By Neal E. Boudette and Don Clark The New York Times

With increasingly sophisticated cars devouring more and more computing power, a shortage of semiconductors has vexed automakers and disrupted production around the world.

Ford Motor has moved to address that challenge, announcing a collaboration that could give the company more control over both the supply and the design of its chips the brains needed to control engines, transmissions, brakes, infotainment systems and more.

Ford said in a statement Thursday that it had signed a nonbinding agreement with the U.S.-based semiconductor supplier

GlobalFoundries to collaborate on developing chips for Ford vehicles, and that the companies would explore expanding domestic chip production.

Chuck Gray, Ford's vice president for vehicle embedded software and controls, said that even with the new partnership, the automaker expected chip supply to remain uneven for some time. "We still think there's going to be fits and starts going into next year," he said.

But he added that working with Global-Foundries should enable Ford to start having a hand in designing some of its own computer chips.

Until recently, many auto components could easily be controlled by generic computer chips. But that is no longer the case, as manufacturers add increasingly complex features such as battery monitoring, advanced driver-assistance systems and networking services.

"The demand for computing power is now so high, and we've got to have the right chips doing the right things," Gray said.

In recent years, U.S. automakers have hired thousands of software developers and programmers. Gray said Ford was now

looking to bring on chip designers as well. General Motors, too, is taking steps to get a better handle on the development and availability of chips. GM's president, Mark Reuss, said Thursday that the company is working with chip companies to develop three types of microprocessors to handle almost all of its computing needs.

North America cross border freight

Transborder freight between U.S., Canada and Mexico, September 2021

Truck \$68.6 billion Rail \$14.7 billion \$8.5 billion Pipeline \$7.9 billion Vessel Air

SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

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BUSINESS



Apple will finally allow some iPhone users to fix their own smartphones. JENNY KANE/AP 2019

In a reversal, Apple to allow self-repairs to iPhones, Macs

By Matt O'Brien **Associated Press**

Apple is letting some iPhone users fix their own phones, a sharp turnaround for a company that has long prohibited anyone but company-approved technicians from fiddling with

its parts and software. The company said this week that it will enable users of two of the newest iPhone models and eventually some Mac computers to get access to genuine Apple parts and tools for consumer repairs.

The shift reflects a strengthening "right to repair" movement embraced by President Joe Biden and affecting everything from smartphones to cars and tractors. It's a reaction to the infusion of software into more everyday products and the practices of manufacturers who have increasingly made those products difficult and expensive to repair.

Apple is launching an online store for self-service repairs early next year that it says will have more than 200 individual parts and tools for making the most common repairs on the iPhone 12 or iPhone 13. It will initially be focused on do-it-yourself fixes to screens, batteries and displays, which Apple previously resisted and cited concerns about security and safety, such as faulty battery replacements that can damage a device.

Apple's action is welcome news for consumers and a sign similar standards should apply to other electronics, said Maureen Mahoney, a senior policy analyst at Consumer Reports.

The Federal Trade Commission, the Biden administration and state legislatures have been eyeing regulatory changes that would make it easier for Americans to repair their broken devices.

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Regulators

expressed concerns about restrictions that steer consumers into manufacturers' and sellers' repair networks, adding costs to consumers and shutting out independent repair shops from business opportunities. They've also said those repair restrictions often fall heavily on minority and low-income consumers. An FTC report to Congress in

May noted that many Blackowned small businesses make equipment repairs, and repair shops often are owned by entrepreneurs from poor communities.

Apple has long been a target for right-to-repair advocates because of its practice of locking down its software so that parts are encoded to a specific device. Some attempted repairs such as replacing a broken original screen with one made by a third party have left phones unusable.

There are limits to the changes that Apple is making but it's still "a big milestone," said Nathan Proctor, senior director for the Right to Repair campaign at U.S. PIRG, a consumer advocacy group.

"One of the most visible right-to-repair opponents is reversing course in a mean-

ingful way," he said. Proctor said that's thanks to growing pressure, including from some of Apple's own investors. A shareholder proposal from an environmentally minded investment group calls for the company to cease its anti-repair practices, arguing that they are contributing to electronic waste.

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Consumers in the middle as Amazon, Visa clash over fees

By Kelvin Chan Associated Press

LONDON - Customers are in the middle of a growing dispute between Amazon and Visa over transaction fees.

The online retail giant moved this week to stop shoppers from using Visa credit cards issued in the United Kingdom starting next year, the latest salvo in a battle between payment networks and retailers. Amazon blamed "high fees" for its decision, marking an escalation from action it has taken in Singapore and Australia, where it has started charging 0.5% extra for using credit cards from the payment juggernaut.

Seattle-based Amazon and San Francisco-based Visa are two of the biggest forces in retail, and their showdown over fees marks an inflection point in the payment industry, said Laura Hoy, equity analyst at Hargreaves Lansdown.

"Historically, Visa's been able to charge whatever it sees fit because of its huge network of card users not accepting Visa meant cutting out a huge pool of potential customers," Hoy said. "More merchants accepting Visa meant more customer sign-ups, and the virtuous loop spun onward." Amazon hopes to break

this chain by cutting the card company out of its payment options in the U.K., and it is probably one of the only players with enough power to do so, Hoy said.

Visa is the dominant payment network in Europe, with 58% of the market, while Master-Card has 41% and American Express 1%, according to the Nilson Report, an industry publication. Visa has a similar footprint in the U.S., where it has about half the market while its two rivals together account for about a third. In the U.S., Amazon could drop



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Visa as the provider of its Prime credit card. It's in talks with MasterCard and American Express as part of a standard review of its co-branded credit card agreement, a spokesperson said. Merchants have been grumbling for years about card fees, which include various payments to banks on either side of the transaction and the card network.

In the U.K., the British Retail Consortium industry group has warned that "abusive fee hikes" add to costs that consumers pay for goods and services. The country's Supreme Court even ruled in 2020 that interchange fees, which are collected by a shopper's bank, are unlawful.

The ruling came shortly before the United Kingdom left the European Union, which resulted in rising interchange fees in the U.K. because card companies were no longer required to comply with the bloc's caps

on those charges. Major card brands have hiked those fees on some transactions between the EU and the U.K. to 1.5% from 0.3% before Brexit, according to the British Retail Consortium. Meanwhile, other fees

paid to the card networks themselves have also gone up in the U.K., doubling between 2014 and 2018, the group said. "With retailers now

spending over 1 billion pounds (\$1.3 billion) to accept card payments, it is no surprise many retailers are frustrated by these surging fees," said Andrew Cregan, the group's payments policy adviser.

It urged regulators to tackle what it called 'anti-competitive card charges."

"Ultimately, it will be consumers who suffer higher prices unless these spiraling costs can be brought to heel," Cregan said.

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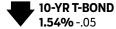
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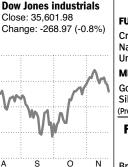
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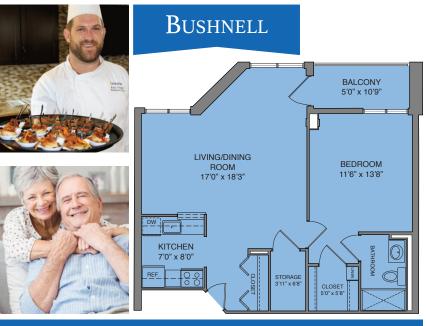
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Apple Inc (AAPL)	160.55	+2.68	+21.0	Novartis AG (NVS)	81.66	31	-13.5
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A primer on latest in COVID-19 medication

By Cory Franklin and Robert A. Weinstein Chicago Tribune

With COVID-19 cases surging in Europe and the possibility of a new late-year wave in the U.S., it is becoming clear that vaccination alone will not result in the desired effect of zero or near-zero COVID-19. In retrospect, it was probably overly optimistic a year ago to believe that at reasonably high vaccination rates, COVID-19 infections would largely be controlled.

Vaccination still remains the mainstay, but unlike the case of smallpox, it will not eliminate the virus for at least three reasons. First, there are the unvaccinated who, out of hesitation or lack of access, are present in virtually every country. Second, there are those with waning immunity post-vaccination, which is the basis for booster jabs. Finally, there are the inevitable breakthrough infections, which are currently neither predictable nor preventable. Unless some unforeseen event occurs, our goal, at least for the near future, should be to forestall the major complications of COVID-19.

With this in mind, two oral antiviral medicines that can prevent the coronavirus from reproducing in the body may soon be released for outpatient treatment of early COVID-19. This would constitute a real breakthrough. With the independent peer review and FDA approval pending, things could change, but right now here is the "what, who, where, when and why" that you should know about these drugs.

What: The first drug, Merck's molnupiravir, has already been granted conditional authorization in the United Kingdom. Merck's studies have shown the drug reduced hospitalizations and deaths by 50%. The Food and Drug Administration has been studying the drug since October and will hold hearings to review its findings on Nov. 30.

The second drug, paxlovid, is from Pfizer, and the company's data indicates that it reduced the risk of hospitalization and death from severe COVID-19 in adults by 89%. These results are being independently reviewed.

Who: The drugs would be recommended as oral therapy for outpatients with COVID-19, who are either more severely ill or who have existing health conditions that put them at greater risk of hospitalization or death. There may yet be other uses for the drugs including treatment in outpatients with milder disease or as prophylactic therapy for people with known exposure to the coronavirus, but who are not yet infected.

The side effects of these drugs are now being evaluated, and restrictions and precautions in certain patient groups (e.g., pregnant women) may be an important consideration when they are released.

Where: The key to these drugs is that they are outpatient therapy. Currently, the only option for outpatients with early COVID-19 at risk of serious outcome is the injection of one of the current monoclonal antibody preparations, which must be given in a health care setting, limiting their use.

The estimate right now is that the cost of a five-day course of the new medications could be in the range of \$700, expensive to be sure, but less costly than administration of monoclonal antibodies and certainly less expensive than hospital care for COVID-19. It has not been determined yet whether private insurance or the government will cover the cost. Merck has already licensed molnupiravir at a cheaper price for developing countries.

When: The trials of the two new medications focused on outpatients with COVID-19 receiving treatment within five days of the onset of symptoms. This makes the availability of testing essential.

Precise testing to confirm infection may take as much as 48 hours, so patients would have to receive a test within the first three to four days of symptoms. In theory, once patients suspect they have been infected, they can take a rapid 15-minute antigen test, which if positive, would lead to referral for the more precise test. If that was positive, therapy could begin. (Symptomatic patients without access to rapid testing or those with a negative antigen test would have to visit a health care provider for a precise test at the onset of symptoms.) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local health departments should provide practical guidelines to ensure timely testing and treatment.

Why: The first-order benefits of these new oral medications are primarily for individuals — reduced rates of hospitalization and death. But the advantages could extend beyond individual patients to preventing hospital overload, health care worker burnout and the adverse effects the pandemic has had on health care, inpatient and outpatient, for non-COVID-19 conditions. If, as the data suggests, these drugs minimize the ability of COVID-19 patients to infect other people, this will reduce cases in the community and bring more people back to work and school.

Prevention is always preferable to cure, and these new treatments should be viewed as an important

adjunct to, not a replacement for, vaccination and essential public health control measures.

Nevertheless, the option of early outpatient treatment with a course of highly effective oral medications could completely change the trajectory of the current COVID-19 resurgence, just as it did for the AIDS pandemic.

Nearly 150 years ago, Louis Pasteur, one of the legendary figures in the history of medicine and among the first to both administer vaccines and identify disease-causing microbes, said, "It is a terrifying thought that life is at the mercy of the multiplication of these minute bodies. It is a consoling hope that science will not always remain powerless before such enemies."

Dr. Cory Franklin is a retired intensive care physician. Dr. Robert Weinstein is an infectious disease specialist at Rush University Medical Center.



A sign stands on Route 63 near the Litchfield Green in support of five yellow ribbons honoring local members of the military. A September vote of the Board of Warden and Burgesses will have the ribbons removed from trees on the Litchfield green by Jan. 2. **STAN GODLEWSKI/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blue Star flags instead of yellow ribbons?

After reading about the yellow ribbon controversy in Litchfield, I thought I would offer a suggestion [Page 1, Nov. 11, "Ribbon Ruckus"]. If Litchfield families with people serving in the military would like to honor them in a public way, why not negotiate with the town to fly a Blue Star flag in front of a town building? The Blue Star flag dates to at least World War II, and signifies that someone in the family/town/business etc. is on active duty in the military. It is changed for a Gold Star in the event of a death on active duty.

About 14 years ago, another mother of a soldier and I donated a Blue Star flag to the town of Manchester in honor of our sons and daughter on active duty, and for all town residents serving in the military. Town employees took care of flying the flag and would notify me when it needed to be replaced; which was about once a year. We moved out of state in 2017. Now the Elks club has taken over the job of replacing the worn flags. It is a public reminder of our fellow citizens who are serving their country

and that we at home remember them and wait for them to return safely. If anyone in Litchfield is interested in following up, we used Serviceflags. com in Carson City, Nevada.

Kathleen M. Grover, Puyallup, Washington

The writer formerly lived in Manchester.

Vaccines will help us all

The country seems to be at war with itself. The people who embrace science and community are against those who reject both. President Joe Biden's vaccine mandate is clearly intended to stop COVID-19 from spreading and to prevent more deaths. In the face of this deadly pandemic, risks must be weighed, and the benefits of the vaccine have become obvious. Vaccines are effective in preventing deaths.

When smallpox was killing people worldwide, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin, among other visionary leaders and scientists of the day, advocated the widespread use of the newly discovered smallpox vaccine. They faced resistance then, just as we are facing resistance today.

Worldwide adoption of the vaccine has eradicated smallpox, officially as of 1980. We might be facing a new virus that will ravage the world for decades unless it is eradicated with vaccines. How many more people have to die before we come to our senses?

Rosemary Noonan, Tolland

Good citizenship requires effort

Ads for gambling tout "even UConn football is exciting when you have skin [a bet] in the game." The same can be said of citizenship. If you vote, pay taxes, volunteer, become involved in government service or the military, our country, state, city or town is better for it. To sit back and receive benefits of others' efforts does not make you a responsible free citizen. We are guaranteed life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Pursuit implies effort, action and personal investment of time and resources. Too many sit back, invest no skin in the game and expect happiness to

come to them. **John Keleher, West Hartford**

OP-ED

A fragile truce in Catholic bishops' war over Biden

By E.J. Dionne Jr. The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The major news from the meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on Wednesday was what did not happen. After months of rancor, the leaders of the church decided to say nothing about the right of the second Catholic president of the United States to receive Communion.

This was something of a victory for more moderate and progressive bishops who opposed weaponizing the sacrament against President Joe Biden because of his support for abortion rights. They share Pope Francis's view that Communion "is not the reward of saints, but the bread of sinners"

Yet the outcome at the meeting in Baltimore was more of a truce than a resolution as American Catholicism continues to struggle over fundamental questions related to the church's relationship with modernity, declining religious affiliation and attitudes toward the secular world

world.

The relatively desultory debate was anticlimactic and reflected the exhaustion of a church riven by politics. Many more conservative bishops had once hoped that the document on the Eucharist — reiterating church teaching on the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in the bread and wine of the Eucharist — would include an explicit rebuke to Biden and other pro-choice Democratic politicians over abortion.

The split about the relative priority of the abortion issue vs. church teachings on economic and social justice mirrors a larger argument about Pope Francis himself and his effort to highlight the church's mission toward the poor and its obligation to join the fight to protect a dangerously warming planet.

Votes during the meeting for various positions of leadership in the conference suggested the bishops are closely divided between supporters The relatively desultory debate was anticlimactic and reflected the exhaustion of a church riven by politics.

and critics of the pope — a sundering over Vatican authority that is itself unusual in American Catholic

The Vatican representative to the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, made clear in an address to the bishops on Tuesday that Francis does not welcome how the church is recapitulating the rancor of American politics.

"A divided Church will never be able to lead others to the deeper unity desired by Christ," Pierre said. "The Church needs ... attentive listening now more than ever if she is to overcome the polarization afflicting this country."

The loud applause that greeted the 222-8 vote Wednesday on the document was, as much as anything, an expression of relief at a conflict temporarily resolved with the mild language of compromise on the role of Catholic politicians.

"Laypeople who exercise some form of public authority," the document said, "have a special responsibility to form their consciences in accord with the Church's faith and the moral law, and to serve the human family by upholding human life and dignity."

Yet some of the staunchest antiabortion bishops did not back down from their earlier comments in a brief debate during the week. And the president of the Bishop's Conference, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, had opened a new front in the internal battle earlier this

Criticizing "new social justice movements" as "pseudo religions" that "fill the space that Christian belief and practice once occupied," Gomez took issue with "what we might call the 'woke' story." He denounced "today's critical theories and ideologies" as "profoundly atheistic," saying they "deny the soul, the spiritual, transcendent dimension of human nature."

Gomez's comments, made during an online address to a Catholic meeting in Spain, brought a flood of denunciations from progressive Catholics, including groups such as Pax Christi USA and the National Black Sisters' Conference. As of Wednesday, a petition organized by Faith in Public Life and Faithful America calling on Gomez to apologize and describing his speech as "particularly painful and offensive to Black Catholic advocates" had drawn more than 13,000 signatures.

Gomez placed his critique in the context of "secularization and de-Christianization" and, in an echo of the far right, criticized an "elite leadership class ... that has little interest in religion and no real attachments to the nations they live in or to local traditions and cultures."

"In this elite worldview," he added, "there is no need for old-fashioned belief systems and religions."

While Pope Francis has also criticized the world's elites, he has taken to task those who "in this modern age ... can see nothing but prevarication and ruin."

"We feel that we must disagree with those prophets of doom who are always forecasting disaster, as though the end of the world were at hand," Francis declared in his 2013 apostolic exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel." He also rebuked "querulous and disillusioned pessimists" whom he labeled "sourpusses."

If the bishops have, for now, put the fight with Biden on the back burner, the struggle surrounding Francis' hopeful vision still rages and it's about far more than U.S. politics.

E.J. Dionne writes about politics for The Washington Post.

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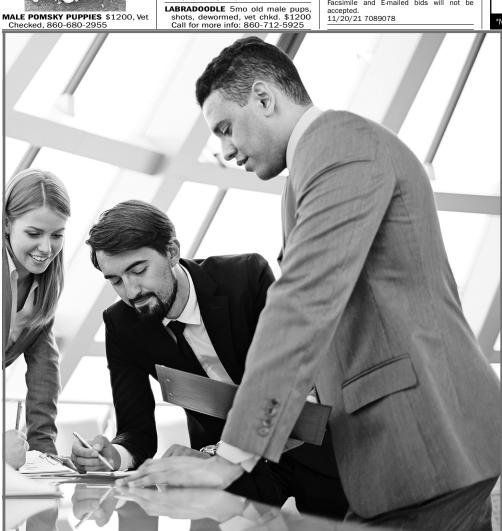
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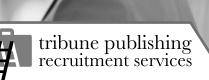


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OBITUARIES

Bagdasarian, Rita Ann



Rita Ann Bagdasarian (GAJ) was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend who always put the needs of others before her own. After a prostruggle Alzheimer's, she is finally at peace. She passed away on November 17, 2021 at the age of 71 with her family by her side. Rita was born September 7, 1950 to the late Stella and

Valentine Gaj. She grew up in New Britain, graduated from Central Connecticut State University and worked in the New Britain Town Clerk's Office until she and David decided to start a family. She then devoted many years to being a stay at home mom, raising and spending quality time with Dana and Brian. After returning to work, she utilized her teaching degree as a kindergarten para professional at Vance and Northend School in New Britain. "Mrs B" gave her students the same love and care she gave to her own children. Rita had a love for reading, arts and crafts, travel, the beach house and especially her family. She was involved in church and community activities and had the willingness, strength and determination to make life better for those around her. Rita is survived by her husband David; daughter Dana and her husband Tony Meade of Madison, CT; son Brian and his fiancée Megan of Saratoga, NY. Rita is the proud grandmother of Rylee and Jameson Meade. The family would like to express their gratitude to LiveWell, Fran, Yari, Iris and all the staff for the love and care they extended to Rita. Friends and family are invited to a Mass of Christian Friends and family are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial Monday (Nov 22) at 9:00am at Sacred Heart Church, 158 Broad St, New Britain, CT. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, 120 Smalley St. New Britain. Visitation will be held Sunday (Nov 21) from 2:00 – 5:00 PM at the Farrell Funeral Home 110 Franklin Sq. New Britain. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105 or to LiveWell 1261 S Main St, Plantsyille CT 06479. To send a condolonce to the fam-Plantsville, CT 06479. To send a condolence to the family, please visit, www.FarrellFuneralHome.com.

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Cote, Lorraine T.



Lorraine T. Cote, 92, of New Britain, died on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Born in East Berlin, the daughter of the late Joseph and Marie (Lacasse) Cote, she lived most of her life in East Berlin and New Britain. She was employed as a secretary at the Emhart Corporation for many years. A longtime parishioner of St Joseph's Church, she was in Daughters of America a pager November 17, 2021. Born in

a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, a peer counselor for the American Cancer Society and the counselor for the American Cancer Society and the United Ostomy Association and a volunteer nurse's aid and receptionist at Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital. She had many hobbies and interests throughout her life including making and selling Victorian cloth doll and charity sewing. She was an avid gardener and baker, winning blue ribbons for both flowers and cookies at the Berlin Fair. She was also a super avid fan of the University of Connecticut "Lady Huskies". Lorraine is survived by several nieces and nephews and their fami-University of Connecticut "Lady Huskies". Lorraine is survived by several nieces and nephews and their families. The youngest of 13 children, she was predeceased by her brothers and sisters, Albert, Mary, Antoinette, Louis, Jane, Lillian, Edward, Paul, Joseph, Claire, Arlene and Alfred. Her family is thankful for Hartford Health Hospice and her caregivers at Jerome Home. Funeral services will be held on Monday, November 22nd, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM at Divine Providence Parish (St Joseph's Church) 195 So. Main St. New Britain. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, New Britain. Visitation will be prior to the mass from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM at the Farrell Funeral Home 110 Franklin Sq. New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to the Office of Radio & Television and WJMJ Radio, 15 Peach Orchard Road, Prospect, CT 06712. To send a condolence, please visit www. FarrellFuneralHome.com. FarrellFuneralHome.com.

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Scafarello, Joan

Joan Scafarello, 92, died November 12, 2021, at Avery Heights, Hartford. Born in Hartford, the daughter of the late Peter and Margaret Scafarello, she graduated from Oxford School, now Kingswood-Oxford and Mt. Holyoke Oxford School, now kingswood-Oxford and Mt. Holyoke College. After graduation she was off to New York City to the Neighborhood Playhouse for theater. She had a passion for music, acting and dance. She remained in New York and began her career in publishing and research. She is survived by her sister Norma Hattings of Avery Heights Retirement Community; her nieces, Peggy Lowry and Susan Scheibel both of West Hartford; and her nephew Bill Hattings of Atlanta GA. She had a long happy life and will be missed by all that knew a long happy life and will be missed by all that knew her. Funeral services were private. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.

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Layman, Edgar D (Tex)



Edgar was born in Hereford, Texas to Dalton L. And Oneda (Burns) Layman. Tex attended Levelland High School in Texas. He joined the Air Force in 1958 and was stationed at Bucks Harbor Station in Maine. He met his life-long wife, Charlotte Kelley, a waitress in Helen's Restaurant in Machias. They made a life together in Amston, CT in 1966, with their three

He worked at Colt Firearms in Hartford, Two Guys in New London and retired from EB in Groton. Through these work places, he met some of the dearest friends of his life as well as over 40 years in Amston. He loved sports and participated in his childrens softball and baseball as an umpire and coach. He was an active Boy Scout leader for many years. He founded the mens slow pitch softball team, The Amston Lakers'



Tex was a member of the Moose Lodge in Marlborough and loved playing setback with friends. He belonged to the American legion in Hebron until his death.

Tex's main love was the Husky Girls. No matter where he was, he wasn't missing a game.

He was predeceased by his parents, brothers William and Laurence, sister Clara, wife Charlotte, and son Donald. He is survived by his Sister Doneita (Dennis) Russell of OK, Daughters Deborah Gothreau (ME) and Kathleen (Keith) Fields (OH), and three grandchildren.

There are no services planned at this time. Tex will be interred in Jacksonville Cemetery in Maine, beside Charlotte. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Childs, Joseph S.



On 16 November Joseph Sheridan Childs, 58 years old, died after a brave battle with brain cancer. Despite his illness, his death was a shock to his family and all who knew him. Joseph was easy to love, for he was winsome and positive with a smile like the sun's. He buoyed the spirits of all and his laughter defied the darkness. Being

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principled and fair minded were also hallmarks of his

Born 23 April 1963 in New Haven, the son of Theresa and James Childs, Joseph grew up in New Haven and Branford and was a graduate of West Haven's Notre Dame High School, cherishing the education as well as the lasting friendships he made there. He attended Middlesex Community College, Middletown, thereafter, before moving to California and graduating in 1998 from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

In 2008 Joseph returned to Connecticut and entered sales with Sterling Realtors, Middletown, until his illness forced him to retire.

Joseph leaves behind the love of his life — Kathy, his wife — his parents, his sister Justine Childs Friedman, stepmother Lynn Childs, brother-in-law Aaron Friedman, Dan and Tara Cleary, Amy and Clyde Weed, nieces Olivia and Brielle and nephews Daniel and Teagan, and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and long-standing friends.

We, the family, thank you all for loving and enjoying the fine man that he was.

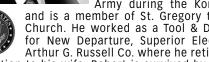
In lieu of flowers donations can be made to gbmresearch.org. Services will be held after the new year.

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Diener, Robert A.



Robert A. Diener, 90 of Bristol passed away on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at The Pines in Bristol. Robert was born in Bristol on September 22, 1931 and was the son of the late John and Mary (Elbert) Diener. Married to his lovely bride Laurette (Pinette) Diener for 67 years, he graduated from Bristol High School. Robert served with the US



Robert served with the US Army during the Korean War and is a member of St. Gregory the Great Church. He worked as a Tool & Die Maker for New Departure, Superior Electric and Arthur G. Russell Co. where he retired from. In addition to his wife, Robert is survived by his three children, his sons Jeffrey Diener and wife Paula of Bristol, Thomas Diener of West Hartford, and his daughter Barbara Leoni and husband Christopher of Georgia. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Adam (Sarah) Diener, Elizabeth (Ryan) McCoy, John (Michelle Arslan) Diener, Alexander Leoni, Erica Diener, Sarah (Hunter) Maxey and his five great grandchildren, Henry, Jackson, Claire, Carson and Ellis; one brother Herbert Diener and his wife Angela of Austin, TX.

The visiting hour will be on Friday, December 3rd from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, has the honor of serving Robert's family. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:30 AM in St. Gregory the Great Church, 235 Maltby St, Bristol. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. Please visit Robert's memorial web-site at www.FunkFuneralHome.com

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Garro, Eleanor J.



Eleanor J. Garro of Old Saybrook was peacefully called home to Heaven with her Beloved Goddaughter Marissa and Niece Debra by her side on November 10, 2021. Born in Hartford on December 19, 1935 Daughter of Henry Salvatore and Madeline (Vendetti) Garro, she grew up in Hartford and graduated from Buckeley High School in 1954.

She raised her family in Glastonbury and was happily involved in her sons school activities and community organizations. She enjoyed many happy years at her Family Beach Home in Old Saybrook and was living with her Beloved Sister Rita sharing several years there together. She loved to gaze across the street from their home at her beautiful view of Fenwood Beach. Eleanor lived her life devoted to our Lord, finding true happiness in helping others, especially her family and friends. She enjoyed spending time in quiet Adoration at Church, volunteering at the local Food Pantry, taking long walks by the beach, and cross-country skiing. She had an eye for fashion and was an interior designer for many years. One of her most unique interests was graphology. graphology.

Eleanor leaves many family and friends behind to mourn her loss, Our Angel now to watch over us. We will Cherish Our Beautiful Treasured Memories Always

A Private Mass and Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of Flowers, Donations may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation. Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people move our souls to Dance. Some people

make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon. They stay in our lives for a while, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, never the same. -Flavia

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Jankoski, Edward



Edward A. Jankoski, 93, beloved husband of Florence (Sypek) Jankoski for 65 years, passed away peacefully November 17, 2021 after a short illness with family at his bedside. Born June 5, 1928 in New Britain, CT he was the son of Adam and Filumena (Winalski) Jankoski. He lived in Bristol his entire life and attended local schools, graduating from Bristol High School in

Edward married Florence (Sypek) Jankoski on July 14, 1956 and had three sons.
Despite valiantly fighting several health issues over the last thirty years he always had time to enthusiastically help his three sons with whatever building projects they were working on regardless of how large or small. His favorite pastime was pulling the last making layers with his wife at which pure regains slot machine levers with his wife at whichever casino was offering the best perks.

He worked at the Stanley Works for 43 years first as a draftsman, and then as a planning and project engineer, receiving numerous awards for building energy conservation in the 1970's. He retired from Stanley Works in 1989. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and served in the 45th Infantry Division from 1950 - 1952.

Edward is survived by his wife Florence, three sons and their wives, James and Valerie from Bristol, David from Bristol, Ronald and Jennifer from Burlington, seven grandchildren: Tyler and Justin; Jonathan and Robert; Edward, Abigail, and Emily. He was predeceased by a younger brother Stanley, his father Adam, and his mother Filumena.

Family and friends are invited to go directly to St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave, Bristol, on Saturday, November 20th at 10:30 AM to attend a Mass of November 20th at 10:30 AM to attend a Mass of Christian burial and are also invited to attend the committal service with full military honors immediately following at the Holy Family Mausoleum in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol has the honor of serving Edward's family. In lieu of flowers, please consider an act of kindness or charitable donation in his memory. Please visit or charitable donation in his memory. Please visit Edward's memorial website at www.FunkFuneralHome. com



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Miranda, Laura (Maldonado)



Laura (Maldonado) Miranda, 84, of Bristol, wife of Alfonso Miranda, passed away peacefully on Nov. 18, 2021 at Ingraham Manor. Born on March 14, 1937 in Dorado, Puerto Rico, she was a daughter of the late Guillermo and Emelia (Carrión) Emelia (Carrión) Maldonado. Laura worked for Bussman's Manufacturing in

their Assembly Department for 23 years, retiring in 1990. Laura was an active, contributing member of the Spanish community at St. Joseph Church here in Bristol. Besides her husband Alfonso, Laura leaves two sons and daughters-in-law Edwin and Linda Miranda of Bristol, CT and Edgar and Beth Miranda of Philadelphia, PA; her sister Carmenlinda Beth Miranda of Philadelphia, PA; her sister Carmenlinda Molina; five grandchildren Alexis, Megan, Paige, Blake, and Cole, and a host of nieces and nephews. Laura was predeceased by several of her brothers and sisters. A funeral mass will be held Monday, Nov. 22 at 10am at St. Joseph Church, Queen St., Bristol. Entombment will follow in St. Joseph's Holy Family Chapel Mausoleum. Calling hours will be held Sunday from 2-4pm at DuPont Funeral Home, 25 Bellevue Ave., Bristol. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph Church, 149 Goodwin St., Bristol, CT 06010. Please put "In Memory of Laura Miranda" in the memo field. Family and friends are invited to leave a condolence message by visiting www.dupontfuneralhome.com

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Nistri, Carol A.(Kelly)



Carol Ann Nistri, 81, of Glastonbury, CT. died 18 Glastonbury, CT. died 18 November 2021. She died at home with her husband Nino Nistri at her side. Carol was born 17 July, 1940 in Hartford, CT. She liked to say she was born the 7th child, on the 7th month, on the 17th day; she was one of nine children. She lived her childhood years and

young adult years in East Hartford, CT. Carol was very devoted to her parents and helped them considerably in their later years. Carol is survived by her sister: Barbara Dowling and her brothers: James " Jimmy " Kelly and Bill " Butch " Kelly. Carol was predeceased by brothers, Tom " Sonny" Kelly and Gerald " Mick" Kelly and sisters: Elizabeth " Betty" Kravies, Patricia " Pat " Langevin and Arline "Tilly"

Carol graduated from East Hartford High School and worked at Pratt and Whitney for 13 years where she was supervisor of a typing group. She met her future husband, Nino S.F. Nistri at Pratt and Whitney, where he also worked. She married Nino on 27 January 1973. They started their life together in East Hartford, and then started their life together in East Hartford, and then South Windsor; since 1982 she lived in Glastonbury, CT. Carol loved her home and took great pride in making the grounds beautiful. Carols greatest passions were gardening and taking care of animals. She loved starting her vegetable and flower gardens every spring, and feeding birds and the wildlife that visited her. As a young girl, Carol loved horses and loved to ride...she was an excellent rider; her love of animals never left her and she always had at least one net in her home her and she always had at least one pet in her home. Carol enjoyed reading, especially mystery novels, and the subject of UFO's. In addition, she developed into a wonderful cook and enjoyed cooking for the holidays.

Among her best qualities were her smile, her laugh sense of humor and her loyalty. Carol was generous and giving. She would often make soup for neighbors that were sick, collected for the Red Cross and volunteered to drive for them, and donated to many animal/wildlife causes: in addition, she adopted cats from shelters and took great care of them, the last two being Pumpkin and Louie. Her black toy poodle Leo and her were inseparable; that little 6 pound dog will miss her greatly.

Her cognitive illness, which slowly eroded her abilities, did not get her down; in addition, in the last few months of her life, she developed lymphoma. She exhibited tremendous courage and just refused to be deterred from living as fully as possible for as long as possible. She was a strong, strong lady and never stopped fighting. Carol never gave in, never gave up. The term "Fighting Irish" sure did apply to her.

Carol was a great wife to me and I will miss her more than words can express. I hope there is a heaven and I meet her there and we can be together again....that

Family and Friends may pay their respects on Monday, November 22, 2021 from 8:30 am to 10:00 am at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury, CT fóllowed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am át St. Dunstan Church, 1345 Manchester, Rd., Glastonbury, CT, with a reception to follow the Mass. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com

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Ruel, Paul O.



Paul Omer Ruel, 72, of Enfield, beloved husband for 47 years of Karen Dale (Carpentieri) Ruel, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at St. Francis Hospital Born in Hartford on May 25 1949, son of the late Omer and Rejeanne Ruel, he was raised in Hartford and was a graduate of Hartford Public High School, Class of 1969. As a young

man, Paul took a position at Landerman's Hardware Store on Park Street in Hartford and later worked at man, Paul took a position at Landerman's Hardware Store on Park Street in Hartford and later worked at Auto Paint Distributors. During this time, Paul developed a passion for cars and on his 21st birthday, he purchased his first Corvette. He later worked as an auto body technician at Daniel's Cadillac in Hartford where he was trained in auto body and frame straightening and sent to school in Toronto, Canada and Boston, MA to perfect his skills. He later opened his own business, Hartford Auto Repair and also worked for Ardery Chevrolet and Standard Auto Body. After many years in the car business, Paul decided that it was time for a change and started working at AMK Welding in South Windsor. He loved his position there as a welder and inspector and retired after 28 years in 2011. He never lost his passion for cars and became a huge NASCAR fan. His family will never forget the memorable trip they took to New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, NH where they stayed for the whole week. His passion for cars also led to him owning several motorcycles including a Triumph, a 1942 Harley-Davidson, and most recently a Honda 550. In his spare time, he enjoyed visiting his family and friends in Canada and Vermont and taking day trips to East Beach in Rhode Island with his wife and daughter. Vermont and taking day trips to East Beach in Rhode Island with his wife and daughter. Paul was a devout Catholic throughout his life and enjoyed the solemnity of the Mass. He was a longtime parishioner of St. Adalbert Church and St. Patrick's Church in Enfield and most recently had attended Mass at St. Philip Church in East Windsor. Besides his loving wife, he leaves, a daughter, Jennifer Ruel and her significant other, Daniel Foster of Enfield; a brother, Larry Ruel and his wife Cynthia of Burlington; three sisters, Lauraine Carlson and her husband Fred of Simsbury, Claudette Pittman and her husband Herbert of Meriden, and Lisa Chetelat and her husband Joseph of Raleigh, NC; and many nieces and nephews. His family will receive friends on Monday, November 22, 4-7 p.m., at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Family and friends may gather on Tuesday, November 23, $\acute{9}$ a.m., at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial, 10 a.m., at St. Marianne Cope Parish-St. Philip Church, East Windsor. Burial will be private in St. Patrick Cemetery, Enfield. Memorial donations may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 1365 Enfield St., Enfield, CT 06082. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Rome, Ann (Nicolle)

Bloomfield, Connecticut



Ann Nicolle Rome (89), born in Hartford in 1932 and a Bloomfield resident most of her life, passed away peacefully on November 18, 2021 at Seabury retirement community in Bloomfield, surrounded by her four children, on the Wintonbury Avenue site of the former

A.C. Petersen farmstead, just a few hundred yards from where, amidst cornfields and woodlands, Ann had first raised them.

Ann herself had grown up in the heart of Bloomfield Center, on Jerome Avenue where the Wintonbury Mall is now located. She attended Center School and Bloomfield High School, graduating in 1950. She graduated from The University of Connecticut in 1954, along with her high school sweetheart and future husband of 34 years, Lewis Rome, with a bachelor's degree in Child Development from the School of Education. Ann became a home economics teacher, student teaching at Windsor High School and then in the public schools of Bourne, Massachusetts, on Cape Cod, before settling back in Bloomfield as a mother and homemaker. A few years later she realized a schoolgirl dream shared with fellow UConn graduate Lucy (Woodford) Wirsul to start a pre-school with cows and chickens in an outbuilding on the grounds of the Woodford Farm, with affordable prices – \$2.50 per child per week, or \$3.00 per family. Many who attended still speak warmly of those days.

Ann's mother, Frances (Werth) Nicolle, was Irish and German and also trained as an educator. Clues to Ann's lifelong taste for learning and creative activities for children are to be found in her mom's leanings.

Ann's father's origins were both French and English. Frank Nicolle's father's family was from the Channel Island of Guernsey (which Ann finally had the opportunity to visit in the 1980's, staying with her cousin and lifelong pen-pal Jeanne Nicolle Bonnefin). On his mother's side, an ancestor, Thomas White, is reputed to have been the first English Pilgrim child born in Massachusetts, aboard the Mayflower, just before it made landfall at wintry Plymouth Bay in 1620. During the Great Depression, Frank moved to Hartford after a job on the Maine Turnpike dried up, when he heard there was work in Connecticut. After some years, he founded his own construction company in Bloomfield

As a high-schooler, Ann was outgoing and a leader in student government, and, with the likes of her friend Catherine (D'Addeo) Williams, she enjoyed many extracurricular activities. She especially liked to tell of her creation, with Lois (Pinney) Poirot, of a singing group called "The Hubba Hubba Girls" at Bloomfield High. Ann was also a founder of the Bloomfield Junior Fish & Game Club.

As an adult, Ann loved school and community events, concerts, plays, sports, and the like - so long as children were involved. There were her sons' baseball or basketball games almost every night, followed by quick stops at Wurdig's, and a leadership role in the launch of Bloomfield Midget Football. Later came hundreds more of her grandchildren's ballgames, dance performances,

Children were always, always Ann's focus. Ann came up with a novel way to assist new parents, especially New Americans, seeking to live within their means by offering them pre-loved baby clothes, collected, cleaned, and repaired by Ann – always entirely free-of-charge. There was no institutional support for this initiative, it spontaneously took shape as Ann's labor of love. Beginning from her home, Ann eventually rented a shop on Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, to accommodate the new mothers who flocked to her, and she happily accepted the moniker of "The Baby Lady."

Ann's contributions to the day-to-day lives and to the moral education of her ten grandchildren will be an evergreen legacy. With self-effacing grace, she lived a life of service to others, public and private. Ann's outgoing personality made her a natural political campaigner at the town, state, and even national levels, but where she really flourished was as a mother hen. When called upon, often on short notice, Ann would host parties for family and friends in the hundreds at the family home.

Ann leaves her four children: Thomas Rome of The Bronx, NY; Richard Rome (Joanne Kaplan Rome) of Potomac, MD; Deborah Rome Szabo (Ronald Szabo) of West Hartford, CT; and David Rome (Stacy Silk Rome) of Farmington, CT. She leaves one great-granddaughter, Gwendolyn, and nine grandchildren: Daniel Szabo, Mo Seck (Kate Skidmore), Rachel Rome (Carl Schmidt), Carrie Szabo Miller (Scott Miller), Karim Rome, Jack Rome, Sam Rome, Tiz Rome, and Isabelle Rome. A beloved tenth grandchild – Samantha Rome – predeceased her. Ann was also predeceased by her parents and her sisters, Patricia and Joan, and brother Tom.

She was also a loving aunt to her Rome and Nicolle nieces and nephews too numerous to list.

Ann was a resident of Seabury for the past 14 years, forming so many special bonds and reconnecting with long-time Bloomfield friends like Al Attardo, and benefitting from the wonderful care and friendships with the Seabury-at-Home team. The family is grateful to all at Seabury and UConn Health for their kindness and compassion.

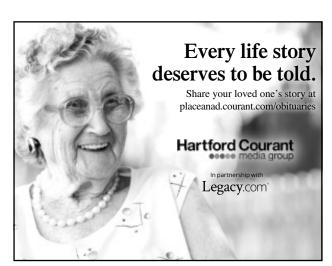
May Ann's memory be a blessing, may God receive her well in Heaven, and restore her to peace in her soul. Calling hours at Molloy Funeral Home, West Hartford, from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 21. Graveside service at Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield, at 1 p.m. on Monday, November 22.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Ann's name may be made either to:

The Rick Rome School in Kigezi, Uganda, via https://partnersforkigeziorphans.org/, or "Partners for Kigezi Orphans Home, Inc.," 1201 F Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20004; or

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Ryan, Allen E.



Allen E. Ryan, 88 of Windsor Locks, beloved husband of the late Catherine Ryan, passed away at home on Tuesday, November 16th 2021. Born August 19, 1933 in Defiance, OH, son of the late John and Pauline (McCarthy) Ryan. He grew up in Defiance, OH and attended the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY. After gradua-

tion, he sailed extensively to South America and Asia. He moved to Enfield, CT in the late 1950s and later moved to Suffield in 1970 where he and Catherine raised their family. He lived in Suffield for 47 years before moving to Windsor Locks. Before retiring, Allen spent his career with Hamilton Standard as a Mechanical Engineer. He worked in the Space Systems division of Hamilton Standard designing and building the backpack used by the Apollo astronauts. Allen was an avid golfer and fan of the Hartford Wheles he had an avid golfer and fan of the Hartford Whalers. He also loved to bike and he was very involved with the Rails to Trails. He was instrumental in converting the Suffield portion of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail over a nearly 10 year period. He also enjoyed spending time at his cottage on Lake Winnipesaukee with family and friends. He is survived by his three children, Michael Ryan and his wife Lynn of Simsbury, Kevin Ryan and his wife, Marian of Manchester, NH, Maryellen Ryan of Enfield: five grandchildren, Meaghan Ryan, Caitlin and Sean Ryan, Hunter and Jocelyn Ryan; his loving partner Maryann Pittala; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother John Ryan; two sisters, Pat Miller and Sue Snyder. His family will receive friends on Sunday, November 21, 2021 from 2-5 pm at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home, 443 East St. N (Rt. an avid golfer and fan of the Hartford Whalers. He also Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home, 443 East St. N (Rt. 159), Suffield. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, November 22, 2021 at 10:00 am at Sacred Heart Church, 446 Mountain Rd., Suffield. Entombment will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Poquonock. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Farmington Valley Trail Council, 990-1008 New Britain Ave., Farmington, CT 06032. To leave on-line condolences please visit www. carmonfuneralhome.com



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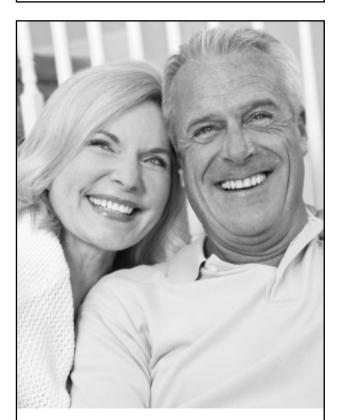
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Thanksgiving for WHAT?



In the light of what is, what is not, what is going to be, how then shall we proceed? At the very least in the light of life's realities, **be thankful! God is good** no matter what **because He is God,** and **God's saving grace** is sufficient for you.

Thanksgiving Involves The Right Attitude

A right attitude toward God is needed, not an attitude of indifference and rejection as in Romans 1:21 – "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were [they] THANKFUL; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." "This know also, that in the last days **perilous** [difficult] times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves... disobedient to parents, UNTHANKFUL, unholy" (2 Timothy 3:1-2). "O GIVE THANKS unto the LORD; for He is good: because His mercy endureth for ever. Let them now that fear the LORD say, that His mercy endureth for ever" (Psalm 118:1,4). "And His mercy is on **them that fear Him** from generation to generation" (Luke 1:50).

Thanksgiving Involves The Right Action

The right action is necessary. "O give **thanks** unto the LORD, for **He is goods** for His mercy endureth forever" (Psalm 107:1). Thank God for His mercy, for it is with a thankful heart that you can receive the priceless gift of God's Son. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). "But as many as RECEIVED Him, to them gave He the **power** [right] to become the sons (children) of God, even to them that BELIEVE on His Name" (John 1:12). "But these are written, that ye might **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that **believing** ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31). "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

Thanksgiving Involves The Right Approach

A genuine heart attitude of **thanksGIVING** ought to result in a life of **thanksLIVING:** "SERVE the LORD with gladness: come before HIS presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD He is God: It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates WITH THANKSGIVING, and into His courts with praise: BE THANKFUL unto Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100:2-5).

Are you able to thank the Lord Jesus Christ for His saving presence in your life? Why not receive Him now as your personal Saviour because He "bore our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Pet. 2:24).

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AG joining probe into effects of social media

Investigation to study if Instagram, Meta harm young people

By Seamus McAvoy Hartford Courant

Connecticut is joining a nationwide investigation by state attorneys general into the effects of Instagram on the physical and mental health of children and young adults, the state's attorney general's office announced Thurs-

In a statement, Attorney General William Tong said the investiga-

tion intends to uncover what Meta - the company that owns Instagram, formerly called Facebook knew about the alleged negative toll of its products on young people, and the techniques it used to keep users engaged.

"Facebook knew that its platforms were associated with increased risks to physical and mental health for young people, including depression, eating disorders, and suicide," said Tong, who noted he is the father of three. "But they kept pushing this content and continued to manipulate their algorithms to keep young people engaged."

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- William Tong, Connecticut attorney general

"I am prepared to use the full weight of Connecticut's strong consumer protection laws to hold [Meta] accountable," Tong said.

The investigation comes shortly after a former Meta employee leaked a mass of documents, called "The Facebook Papers."

According to the Wall Street Journal, the first publication to report on the documents, the papers suggested that the company may have been aware of the Instagram's contribution to negative body image and mental health among young women, based on internal

research.

Frances Haugen, the former employee who leaked the documents, has since testified before Congress about her findings.

The nationwide coalition

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The earth's shadow covers the moon during a partial lunar eclipse Friday in Yokohama, near Tokyo. EUGENE HOSHIKO/AP

Overnight lunar eclipse

Celestial event darkened skies across Connecticut and all of North America

By Rick Green and Seamus McAvoy Hartford Courant

lunar eclipse darkened nighttime skies for Connecticut and all of North American Thurs-

According to NASA, "a lunar eclipse occurs when the Sun, Earth, and Moon align so that the Moon passes into Earth's shadow.

In a total lunar eclipse, the entire Moon falls within the darkest part of Earth's shadow, called the umbra. In this eclipse, up to 99.1% of the Moon's disk will be within

Earth's umbra." The eclipse six-hour event began in Connecticut around 1 a.m.

The Courant spoke with Matt Regala, a senior at UConn who majors in physics with a minor in

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The eclipse lasted more than six hours from Thursday night into Friday morning. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

CORONAVIRUS **IN CONNECTICUT**

Detect unveils accurate rapid test

Company plans big statewide expansion in coming months

By Eliza Fawcett Hartford Courant

Guilford was abuzz with Silicon Valley energy on Friday, as local company Detect unveiled its rapid PCR-quality COVID-19

A few weeks ago, the company received emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for its at-home molecular COVID-19 test, which can deliver highly accurate results within an hour. The company plans to scale-up the test into the millions, providing a laboratory-quality COVID-19 test that is far swifter and more affordable than others currently on the market.

"This is going to keep our kids in school. This is going to keep our businesses open. This is how we get back to normal," Gov. Ned Lamont declared at the company's celebratory event, held on its Guilford campus.

The Detect test, which is expected to become available for purchase on detect.com in December, will be marketed at \$49 for a single-use test, though use of the test also requires a \$39 reusable hub to process the results. But Jonathan Rothberg, the company's founder, said the goal is to make the test as inexpensive as possible.

"The more we produce, the lower the cost goes," he said. "So that's just our entry price. We expect with volume the price to drop rapidly. That's our whole

Lamont noted that the federal government, which has made expanding the national availability of rapid tests a goal, could play a key role in making the tests

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Massachusetts abandons pact to reduce transportation pollution

Announcement comes after Lamont indicated he was backing away

By Steve Leblanc Associated Press

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker is abandoning his administration's ambitious plan to create a multi-state compact aimed at dramatically reducing transportation pollution after the deal failed to gain traction in other states.

The announcement comes after Democratic Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont, who supported the initiative, indicated this week he was backing away from the Transportation and Climate Initiative. Rhode Island was the only other state to have expressed interest in the compact.

Baker quickly followed suit on Thursday. The Republican had initially hoped more than a dozen



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states would sign on.

"The Baker-Polito Administration always maintained the Commonwealth would only move forward with TCI if multiple states committed, and, as that does not exist, the transportation climate initiative is no longer

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Hartford officer arrested after domestic disturbance in Vernon, police say

By Christine Dempsey Hartford Courant

A Hartford police officer is on leave after her off-duty arrest on a domestic assault charge in Vernon, police said Friday.

Officer Shameal Samuels, 28, was arrested Tuesday night and charged with third-degree assault and second-degree breach of peace, police said. The charges are Class A and B misdemeanors, punishable by up to a year and six

months in jail, respectively. Hartford police are starting their own administrative investigation that is parallel to Vernon's criminal case, according to Hartford Lt. Aaron Boisvert. Boisvert said Samuels is on personal leave until a determination is made about her

Vernon police said officers were

called to the Spare Time bowling

alley, 350 Talcottville Road, about

7:40 p.m. Tuesday for a domestic disturbance. They began investigating and found that Samuels "had assaulted her roommate and girlfriend, violating Connecticut domestic violence laws," according to a police report.

Samuels was placed under arrest and taken to the police department, where she was booked, police said. She posted \$1,000 bail and is scheduled to appear in Superior Court in Rockville Dec. 17.

Citing the pending case, police said they had no other information to release.

A graduate of Capital Preparatory Magnet School in Hartford, Samuels was a track star at Quinnipiac University, according to a university website.

She could not be reached for comment Friday.

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the best solution for the Commonwealth's transportation and environmental needs," Baker press secretary Terry MacCormack said in a written statement Thursday.

The governors of other New England states — New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont — had expressed skepticism about the program, in part over fears that it amounts to a gas tax or a tax on carbon.

The proposal was a longterm effort to curb greenhouse gas pollution caused by transportation.

It would have required large gasoline and diesel fuel suppliers to purchase "allowances" for the pollution caused by the use of the fuels they sell in the region.

The number of emission allowances would have declined each year, according to the plan, generating billions for states to invest in carbon-reducing transportation options — like public transportation; zero-emission buses, cars, and trucks; electric vehicle charging stations; high speed wireless internet in rural and low-income areas to allow for teleworking; road and bridge repairs; and safer bike lanes and sidewalks.

The initiative could have generated more than \$1.8 billion in Massachusetts by 2032, according to Baker. States participating in the initiative had agreed to invest 35% of annual revenues from the program in communities underserved by current transportation options and with disproportionately high levels of pollution.

From the start, however, critics — including business and conservative groups — pointed to potential gas price hikes. If fuel companies passed the cost of the allowances onto consumers, the price of gas in the region could have climbed by 5 to 17 cents per gallon.

Paul Diego Craney, spokesman for the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, welcomed the collapse of the compact.

"TCI is a regressive gas tax scheme that would have hurt middle class and the working poor the most. It's such wonderful news to see that Massachusetts families will not be forced to endure the economic hardship TCI would have imposed upon them," said Cranev.

Environmental and transportation groups said the goals of TCI remain important.

"For the sake of the entire Commonwealth — but particularly our environmental justice populations that have been most adversely impacted by transportation pollution and by the COVID-19 pandemic — reducing carbon emissions and tailpipe pollution must remain a high priority," Josh Ostroff of Transportation for Massachusetts, said in a press release.

MacCormack said the administration is focused on the \$10 billion or so the state is set to receive for transportation under the infrastructure legislation signed into law this week by President Joe Biden.

"The new federal infrastructure funding package, American Rescue Plan investments, as well as tax revenue surpluses generated by Massachusetts' strong economic recovery make the Commonwealth better positioned to upgrade its roads, bridges and public transportation systems, while also making investments to reduce transportation emissions, deliver equitable transportation solutions and benefits and meet the state's ambitious climate goals," he said in a press release.

Massachusetts has taken other steps to reduce tailpipe pollution including setting a goal of 100% zero-emission passenger vehicle sales by 2035, joining 14 other states pushing for 30% electric vehicle sales for commercial trucks and buses by 2030 and 100% by 2050, and spending \$65 million on electric vehicle charging stations.

Baker also signed an executive order setting a target of 100% zero emission vehicles in state fleets by 2040.

In New England, transportation is responsible for over 40% of greenhouse gas emissions.



Jonathan Rothberg talks about his new at-home COVID-19 test Friday in Guilford. ELIZA FAWCETT/HARTFORD COURANT

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more affordable.

"Right now, it's fifty bucks," he said. "But if the federal government said, I want to buy a million of these to make them available in schools, and in the military and other places, that would bring down the price by a factor of five."

Bolstered by recently-secured \$8.1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, the company plans to begin manufacturing hundreds of thousands of tests per month early next year, and envisions widespread use of the tests in schools and businesses. Detect officials announced Friday that the company will prioritize Connecticut customers and has already built a relationship with the Glastonbury-based aerospace supplier HABCO Industries.

Detect is one of seven companies founded by Rothberg, a scientist, entrepreneur and New Haven native who earned his Ph.D. at Yale and spearheads the startup accelerator 4Catalyzer.

"We're going to give you a little touch of what we call the future," Rothberg declared as he shepherded Lamont, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and other dignitaries through Detect's facilities on Friday afternoon.

Rothberg, who wore glasses with metallic blue lenses, a blue blazer and a shirt with butterflies on the collar, was the picture of an eccentric scientist — with a dash of flair. In a flurry of activity, he presented a slew of his medical innovations, from a mobile MRI unit to cutting-edge retinal imaging technology.

It was, Bysiewicz later said, "a 10 minute tour and a million ideas a minute."

The Detect test boasts 97.3% accuracy and no false positives, a significant contrast to rapid antigen tests, which are generally only accurate with a symptomatic case of COVID-19. And unlike PCR tests. which can take days to be processed in a lab, the Detect test returns results quickly, from home. The test includes a swab, vial and reader to process the test, and uses a mobile app that guides the user through the test-taking process.

Owen Kaye-Kauderer, a co-founder of Detect and its chief business officer, noted that the Detect test can identify the virus for a longer period of time than an antigen test, meaning that it can catch a positive case before a person becomes symptomatic.

"The beautiful thing about our tests," Rothberg said, "is it sees it before you have symptoms, and it sees it before you can spread."

Rothberg first developed the idea for the rapid at-home test in March 2020, at the beginning of the pandemic, driven by concern for one of his children, who was on an immunosuppressant drug, and a desire to lend a hand in the emerging public health crieis

"I had to reflect and figure out what I could do that March," he told the crowd. "And what I knew how to do was bring together teams that could answer challenges that had never been solved before."

By March 7 — the day after state officials announced Connecticut's first COVID-19 case — Rothberg had tweeted out his initial concept for the COVID-19 home testing kit. Over the ensuing months, as it developed its technology, Detect tested 9,000 people (or as Rothberg put it, "18,000 nostrils") in Guilford, for free.

To Blumenthal, Detect's

success — the transformation of an idea into a marketable product in roughly a year and a half — reflects a "classic story of American innovation."

In a nod to his past life as an attorney, standing at the podium, Blumenthal held a Detect COVID-19 test aloft, and declared it "Exhibit A" for investing in the NIH and federal agencies that develop groundbreaking technology.

"Research done by you and the applications you use will have a ripple affect across the scientific world," he told Rothberg. "It is that big."

Lamont similarly praised Detect as proof that private companies, fueled by federal funding, can develop transformative technological advances.

"When it comes to the National Institutes of Health, they're there for the most basic, early stage research that sometimes the commercial guys don't want to do," he said. "And the NIH is standing right there, backing someone like Jonathan, with his cornucopia of ideas, realizing that this is how you make things happen."

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behind the investigation includes attorneys general from California, Florida, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey, Tennessee and Vermont, in addition to Connecticut.

"For too long, Meta has ignored the havoc that Instagram is wreaking on the mental health and well-being of our children and teens," said California Attorney General Rob Bonta.

Meta has also been heavily scrutinized by Sen. Richard Blumenthal, who serves on the Senate Commerce subcommittee and has criticized several other technology companies for the dangers he believes they pose to young people.

"Commetics like shares

"Cosmetics—like changing a name—are no cure for toxic content or addictive algorithms. Saving face is no substitute for saving kids," Blumenthal wrote on Twitter in October, when Meta announced its name change.

"Facebook's failure

to police itself — causing destructive, tragic damage — cries out for action," Blumenthal wrote in another tweet, which linked to a Washington Post story that investigated what the company knew about the riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

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Meta spokesperson
Liza Crenshaw called the
accusations "false," in a
statement, adding that
they demonstrate "a deep
misunderstanding of the
facts"

"While challenges in protecting young people online impact the entire industry, we've led the industry in combating bullying and supporting people struggling with suicidal thoughts, self-injury, and eating disorders," Crenshaw said.

Assistant Attorneys General Mike Martone and Kim McGee, among other officials, are assisting Tong with the investigation.

A report from the AP was included in this story.

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astrophysics, to learn more about the eclipse.

What is an eclipse?

For a lunar eclipse to happen, the sun, earth and moon need to be in a specific order: the order being the sun, earth and then the moon. When the sun is shining on the Earth it creates a shadow, and the moon in its orbit so happens to be in that shadow.

Why does the moon turn

red during an eclipse?

In the shadow and the angle the light hits the Earth, a process called Rayleigh scattering occurs, which is basically the refraction of light. Light is bounced off in different directions according to what color it is, and it just so happens that the wavelength of red light is cast onto the moon.

It's actually a similar color to that of a sunset, because the same process occurs then.

This eclipse lasted for about six hours. What impacts the duration of an eclipse?

The orbits of planets or say, the moon around the Earth, are not a circle. It's oblong, an elliptical. According to Kepler's second law, the further you are away from the planet or your gravitational anchor, the slower you go. That being said, the moon could be closer to its furthest point from the Earth, called its apogee, which means its moving slower through the Earth's shadow.

Anything else to know about lunar eclipses?

Lunar eclipses are actually pretty common, there are actually a few every year. So you can definitely catch one if you didn't get this one.



Shaded by the longest partial lunar eclipse in over 500 years, the full moon sets behind Horsebarn Hill in Storrs.

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Fentanyl-laced pot confirmed in Conn.

By Seamus McAvoy and Jesse Leavenworth Hartford Courant

Marijuana smokers should beware of a potentially fatal hazard as reports emerge of people overdosing on fentanyl-laced pot, authorities said Friday.

The state's scientific services division was among the first in the nation to confirm the presence of the powerful opioid in marijuana seized from the scene of an overdose in Plymouth last month, local and state officials said.

Fentanyl-laced pot has surfaced in the Northeast over the past several weeks and has caused several other nonfatal overdoses because people thought they were using only marijuana, said Brian Foley, aid to public safety commissioner James Rovella. Law enforcement agencies throughout the region are investigating, but marijuana users should take

their own precautions, he

"It highlights the safer alternative of buying legal marijuana through commercial means rather than off the street," Foley said.

Because of the dangers, all marijuana sent to the state laboratory will be tested for fentanyl, he said.

State officials have documented 39 cases between July and Oct. 26 of people needing to be revived with naloxone, a drug used to treat opioid overdoses, despite claiming they only smoked marijuana. The incidents have occurred across the state, but tests done on pot seized in Plymouth in October confirmed the presence of fentanyl, a dangerous synthetic opioid that is between 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine.

Plymouth police Capt. Edward Benecchi said police responded to a medical call at a home and found an adult unconscious. Seeing signs of an opioid overdose, police administered naloxone and the person revived, Benecchi said.

"If it wasn't for the quick action of these officers, this could have had a very tragic outcome," he said.

Officers found no needles, pill bottles or other signs of opioid use, so they seized marijuana the person had been smoking and sent it to the state laboratory, Benecchi said.

"This is the first lab-confirmed case of marijuana with fentanyl in Connecticut and possibly the first confirmed case in the United States," said Dr. Manisha Juthani, commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

State officials are already

aware of the dangers of

2018 – officials said some

fentanyl-laced "K2," a synthetic marijuana drug.
Over 85 people overdosed on K2 at New Haven's downtown green in August for a chea potentially those who presence.

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Jan. G. Trug.

Elvis Rosado demonstrates with one of the naloxone nasal sprays, an overdose-reversing drug, at Prevention Point in Philadelphia. **FILE**

of the drug sampled that day tested positive for fentanyl.

Fentanyl is also mixed as a powder with other drugs, including heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, and MDMA. Its potency makes for a cheaper high, but poses potentially lethal dangers for those who are unaware of its

Foley, a former Hartford police officer, said he spoke

with a former drug dealer in the city who is in recovery, but "still close to the game" and asked him why dealers would lace pot with fentanyl. The short answer was: competi-

Many people are buying their weed through legitimate sources, Foley said the former dealer told him. To compete with that market, dealers want to make their pot more potent, so they are spraying an aerosol form of fentanyl on large quantities of marijuana. Besides boosting the effect, the sellers also build an addiction among customers, Foley said the former dealer told him

Foley said he asked the man whether dealers are worried about killing off their customer base, and the man replied there are plenty of customers. Another follow-up question — why fentanyl? The former dealer replied: because it is so easy to get, Foley said.

Officials advised public health personnel to warn clients of the potential dangers of fentanyl-laced marijuana. They also recommended that users of illicitly purchased drugs only use with others, keep naloxone nearby and familiarize themselves with overdose symptoms.

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Mother charged in the murder of baby in Greenwich in 1986

By Jessica Schladebeck New York Daily News

The mother of a baby boy who was found dead at the bottom of a garbage truck in Connecticut more than 35 years ago has been arrested for his murder.

Janita Philips turned herself in to Greenwich authorities and was detained on \$50,000 bail pending a court hearing Friday, police said. The 62-year-old, of Lake Mary, Fla., is accused of strangling her newborn child to death in May 1986.

The infant was discovered inside a sanitation truck that had just emptied its contents into a dumpster at a Greenwich apartment complex on Havemeyer Place. Following a brief investigation, authorities determined the baby was born alive and killed a short time later.

According to the chief medical examiner, the baby died of strangulation and his death was ruled a homicide.

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Police said they discovered items soaked with

blood as well as other evidence at the crime scene, and they also interviewed residents of the apartment building. But nothing positively identified the killer and the case eventually went cold.

In 2019, authorities issued a \$20,000 reward for new information and revealed they would use new DNA technology in a bid to solve the murder mystery. It ultimately allowed detectives to link the victim's mother to the crime. Upon further investigation, authorities identified Philips as the suspect and additional testing confirmed her to be the baby boy's mom.

"We are grateful that justice is finally being obtained for this infant child of our community," Deputy Police Chief Robert Berry said in a statement. "The investigation of his tragic death has taken many long years, but he has always been remembered and we hope this conclusion will bring him peace and recognition."

Women sue over fentanyl switch-up at Yale fertility clinic

By Dave Collins
Associated Press

Seven women who say they suffered excruciating pain after a nurse stole fentanyl for her personal use and replaced it with saline sued Yale University on Wednesday, alleging it of failing to safeguard its supply of the painkilling opioid at a fertility clinic.

The women say they underwent painful and invasive procedures for in vitro fertilization and were supposed to receive fentanyl at the Yale University Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility clinic in Orange, last year.

Unbeknownst to them, they received saline instead of fentanyl, and when they told staff of their extreme pain during and after the procedures, their concerns were dismissed, according to the lawsuit filed in state court in Waterbury by the women and their spouses.

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"Yale's failure to develop and implement safety measures mandated by state and federal law to secure drugs like fentanyl resulted in these patients being traumatized," Joshua Koskoff, a lawyer for the women, said in a statement. "What should have been a time of hope for these women and their families became one of unimaginable suffering."

Messages seeking comment were sent to Yale spokespeople.

The lawsuit is seeking undisclosed damages.

In May, nurse Donna Monticone, who no longer works for the clinic, was sentenced to four weekends in prison, three months of home confinement and three years of supervised release. She pleaded guilty to one count of tampering with a consumer product.

Prosecutors said 75% of the fentanyl given to patients at the clinic from June to October 2020 was adulterated by saline. They said Monticone replaced the fentanyl with saline to feed her addiction to the opioid. She apologized to the affected patients during her sentencing hearing.

hearing.

The lawsuit accuses Yale officials of failing to follow mandated pharmacy protocols and allowing vials of fentanyl to be vulnerable to tampering. The suit also alleges Yale violated state and federal laws by keeping more than 175 vials of fentanyl in an unsupervised and unlocked area, and failed to implement safeguards including drug testing staff with access to opioids.

The lawsuit includes civil allegations of medical assault and battery and medical malpractice. It says hundreds of patients potentially were unknowingly treated with saline instead of fentanyl at the clinic last year.

Man pours boiling water on sleeping woman, infant in Hartford, police say

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

A Hartford man faces felony charges after he poured boiling water on a woman and a baby, police say.

Tiston Ellis, 25, of Farmington Avenue, was arrested

Wednesday and charged with first-degree assault, a Class B felony; risk of injury to a child, a Class C felony and first-degree reckless endangerment, a Class A

The incident happened early Wednesday morn-

misdemeanor.

ing, when the woman and infant were sleeping, police say. They suffered first- and second-degree burns.

Police would not release any more information because of the domestic nature of the incident.

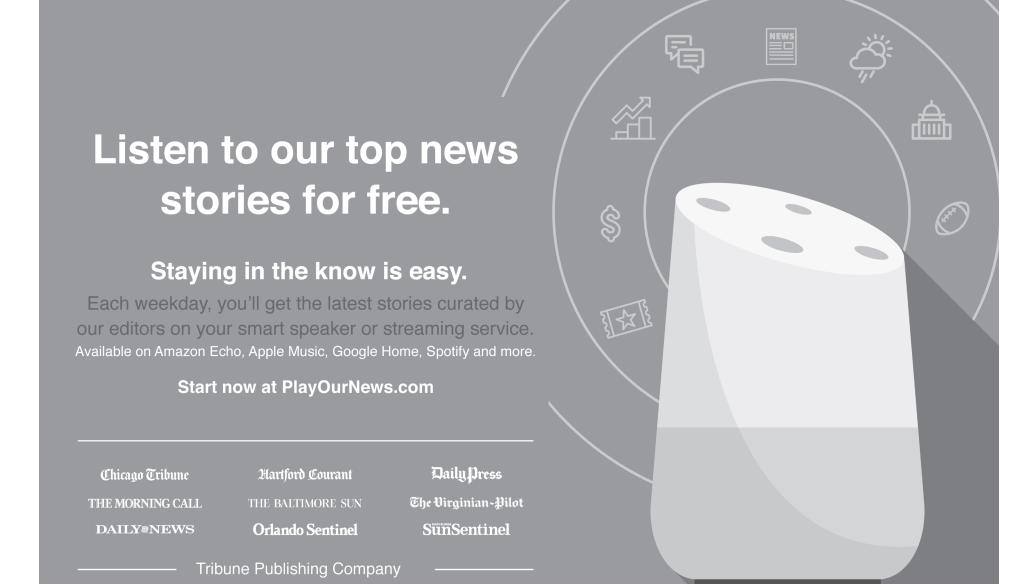
ature of the incident.
Ellis was in custody at

Center on \$500,000 bail Friday, prison records show. He is due in Superior Court in Hartford on Dec. 2.

the Hartford Correctional

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CELEBRITIES

Sudeikis hosts hometown fundraiser

From news services

With an Emmy win and a hit Apple TV+ series under his belt, Jason Sudeikis is having one big year.

On that show, "Ted Lasso," Sudeikis plays an upbeat and good-natured American football coach who takes charge of a professional British soccer team despite knowing little about the game.

about the game.

The fish-out-ofwater comedy has been
a welcome escape for
many fans dealing with
pandemic blues and other
stressful events marking
the past 15 months. The
second season of the series
explored the mental health
struggles of Sudeikis' character. And its anyone's
guess what the third —
reportedly set to begin
filming in January — will
bring.

Amid the success, Sudeikis recently returned to his hometown of Kansas City to host Thundergong!, an annual benefit concert for a charity that helps amputees who lack proper health coverage pay for prosthetic limbs. The event, streaming Saturday night via thundergong.org, will raise money for Steps of Faith Foundation.

The Kansas City-based organization is headed by Billy Brimblecom Jr., a drummer and longtime friend. Sudeikis fundraised to get Brimblecom a prosthetic leg after he was diagnosed by a form of cancer that required him to undergo a leg amputation.

Duchess of Sussex visits
Ellen: It was the Meghan
hour Thursday on the talk
show of her friend, Ellen
DeGeneres, as the Duchess
of Sussex helped welcome
a special guest, hit the
studio lot to prank vendors
and said she'll be cooking Thanksgiving dinner
herself

"I love to cook. We'll be home and just sort of relax



Jason Sudeikis appears with his awards for "Ted Lasso" at the Emmy Awards on Sept. 19. CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

and settle in," Meghan said of her second Thanksgiving in California with Britain's Prince Harry and, now, their two kids.

Meghan and DeGeneres, who met at a pet store more than a decade ago, chatted about Halloween (Archie was a dinosaur, and baby Lili, a skunk), and more serious issues like Meghan's work to push for federal paid family leave. And she said Harry has taken nicely to the California lifestyle in Montecito, where Ellen is one of their neighbors.

"He loves it," Meghan said. "We're just happy."

Backstreet Boys'video notches 1B YouTube views: The Backstreet Boys have joined the rarefied ranks

joined the rarefied ranks for pop music acts who've surpassed 1 billion views on YouTube.

The video for the boy

The video for the boy band's 1999 song "I Want It That Way" hit the top mark on the video sharing platform, becoming their first video to reach the milestone. According to YouTube, the music video wasn't uploaded to the service until 2009. But it has averaged over 400,000 daily views in 2021.

One of only a few from the 1990s to surpass 1 billion views on YouTube, the video joins Guns N' Roses "November Rain," Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit," 4 Non Blondes' "What's Up," The Cranberries' "Zombie" and Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You."

Nov. 20 birthdays: Comedian Dick Smothers is 83. Journalist Judy Woodruff is 75. Actor Richard Masur is 73. Actor Bo Derek is 65. Pianist Jim Brickman is 60. Actor Ming-Na Wen is 58. Rapper Mike D is 56. Actor Callie Thorne is 52. Actor Joel McHale is 50. Actor Joshua Gomez is 46. Actor Nadine Velazquez is 43. Actor Jeremy Jordan is 37.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Large sums of cash raise privacy questions

Dear Amy: I was doing a deep clean in our bedroom, dusting and going through clothes to donate, vacuuming, etc.

My husband's bureau is stacked high with papers and much more. I decided to move and remove everything on top to dust.

In a box, three envelopes with large sums of money fell out. I put the envelopes back in the box and finished dusting

finished dusting.

He was visibly furious when he came home:
"Why did you touch my
stuff, where is it ...?!"

He stomped off downstairs. I didn't mention the money that night.

The next morning before work, he removed the money. I know this because I started moving his belongings and the box was empty.

He called later in the day, and I mentioned, "Hey, did you hit the lottery?" He responded, "I don't

know what you are talking about." A few days later we were

talking about purchasing a

new appliance.
I again asked about the money. He told me his privacy had been invaded.

I left it at that.
I have no idea what I should be saying/doing at this point. Your view would be appreciated.

Dear Confused: You and your husband seem to have a cat-and-mouse style of communicating.

Confused

obliquely; he roars at you, you back off.

I suggest that you say these words: "Honey, as you know, I discovered three envelopes contain-

ing a large amount of cash.

You describe the issue

I believe I have a right to know what that's about, and I know that if the situation were reversed, you would feel exactly the same way."

Partners definitely have the right to privacy, but the top of (versus inside of) a bureau is not a private space.

Your husband may continue to aggressively evade your question and refuse to tell you about this cash. If so, you should table the topic, double-check any joint accounts or retirement accounts, and make sure your own finances are secure.

Dear Amy: A few months ago, my sister-in-law and her boyfriend announced they were taking my in-laws to the Caribbean on vacation.

They did not invite my husband and me to join them. My husband was nonplussed, but I felt it was rude to plan a family trip and not invite the whole family.

No one in the family was shy about planning the trip in front of us and texting about how excited they were to go in our family group chat.

Once they were off on the vacation, our family group chat was flooded with messages coordinating logistics, dinner reservations and plans to meet up, which on top of being annoying was another reminder of how we'd been left out.

During the trip, the boyfriend proposed to my sister-in-law and the whole family (minus my husband and me) celebrated in the Caribbean together.

Am I wrong to feel offended that my husband

and I weren't included in the celebrations? — Left out in New England

Dear Left Out: I give you permission to feel envious of these family members, jetting and sailing off into the warm sunset. However, you do not have the right to be "offended."

Every family operates according to their own relationship template. Your sister-in-law obviously wanted to share their intimate engagement news with her parents. It is her prerogative, and your husband doesn't mind this because he likely would feel comfortable doing exactly the same thing.

Including all of their Caribbean comings and goings on a group chat is annoying and an unnecessary trigger for you. You should have asked to be taken off the chat-chain until they returned, or you could have responded, "Yes, let's meet for the fire dance on the beach tonight!" with a smiling emoji, to let everyone know that you have a sense of humor.

Dear Amy: Yes, there is a definitive answer regarding whether to leave a toilet seat up or down.

The answer is ... down. If there is a lid, that should be put down, also. How many of us have fished our cellphones out of toilets? — Wondering

Dear Wondering: I'll take a show of (clean) hands.

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MUSIC REVIEWS

After divorce, Adele goes beyond heartbreak on '30'

Coming out of a divorce, one might expect Adele to write an album of heartbreak ballads. But, to expect anything short of the full spectrum of emotions from "30" would do the Grammy winner a disservice.

As one of the greatest voices of our time, it is no surprise that some of Adele's shining moments on the album are on tracks bare enough that the strength of her vocals stand on their own. What is maybe more surprising is the delightfulness of the songs that are a departure from her normal style.

Adele's opener is unlike any she's written before. "Strangers by Nature" whisks the listener into a black-and-white Audrey Hepburn-era film whimsical and at times ominous. The album is given theatrical bookends with closer "Love Is a Game" mimicking some of these dramatic tones. It is a triumphant conclusion with harmonies in the chorus that give a nod to '60s groups like the Supremes.

In between, there are songs about heartbreak and also love songs — to her son, to new loves (or, at least, those she'd like trying to love) and to herself.

Adele stretches herself on "30," dipping into genres and tones that show her ability to deviate from more somber chart toppers like "Hello" and "Someone Like You." There's the bubble gum pop "Cry Your Heart Out," dance anthem "Oh My God" and the Western-tinged "Can I Get It" — a song that is so divergent from typical Adele that it calls to mind Beyonce's "Daddy Lessons." In "My Little Love" and "All Night Parking," Adele brings R&B to the record.

While there are



'30' Adele (Columbia Records)

jubilant moments on the album, Adele's diary style songwriting ensures that pain is also present on the 12-track "30." "My Little Love" is a movingly personal track that includes voice recordings of Adele comforting her young son and even crying as she describes her loneliness.

The pain is also tangible on "To Be Loved." Its sparse production serves Adele beautifully. There is nothing to smooth out the emotion as her voice teeters on cracking.

The second half of the LP is much quieter than the first, filled with ballads more typical of the British singer. "Woman Like Me" shows her quiet confidence — she alludes to feelings of guilt and uncertainty in "My Little Love" and "I Drink Wine," but in this song, she reasserts her own self-worth.

"Complacency is the worst trait to have, are you crazy?" she croons, "You ain't ever had, ain't ever had a woman like me."

If "30" is in fact a snapshot of the person Adele is at this moment in time, it is clear that the six years since "25" have led to growth and a more realized version of herself. There are traces of her younger self, but a

renewed self-awareness. "All I do is bleed into



'The Future'Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats (Stax Records)

someone else," she sings on "To Be Loved." "I'll be the one to catch myself this time." — Ragan Clark, Associated Press

Nathaniel Rateliff: We're not sure what the future holds, but if it sounds anything like "The Future,"

we're good.
That's the title of the
11-track Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats' glorious new vintage R&B album, bursting at the seams with fresh coolness. It has a sound grounded in the past but not mimicking it, a fresh, modern-retro vibe that makes sense once

you listen.

"Gotta dig a lot of holes to get into something deep/ Gotta sing a lot of soul to know how to feel it," Rateliff sings on "Something Ain't Right."

The Bob Dylan-esque title song leads to the funky "Survivor," the meditative "Face Down in the Moment" and the soulful "Love Me Till I'm Gone," which has "A Whiter Shade of Pale" vibe. Other highlights are "What If I" and the foot-stomper "Love Don't."

The lyrics explore wary optimism in an unforgiving world. "I've got the feeling that I can heal," Rateliff sings on "Oh, I." He and his band do exactly that on "The Future." — Mark Kennedy, AP

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19): Teamwork makes the dream work! If you've been grappling with a problem, reach out to a peer. Meanwhile, an authority figure could be open to your advice. This character may have been resistant, but they might finally be ready.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): There are bountiful resources to be found now. Use quality materials in your work. If you're currently looking for a job, don't be put off by listings that offer the lower range of your desired salary. You might be able to work out a better deal in the interview process.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Someone in your life who tends to be more reserved than you could start to relax in your presence. Cracking a few jokes can help break the ice. Feeling more relaxed around each other creates a more supportive environment in which to work, learn or relate.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):
Project an image of confidence. Turn attention toward your strengths.
Patterning your behavior after a role model you've always admired could open up doors of opportunity to you. If anyone tries to bring you down, just respond with a smile and keep moving toward your goal.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):
Some people in your life may accuse you of being selfish today. Whether you're right or not, it would be wise to at least listen to other people's opinions, because that could avoid a lot of grumbling along the way. When others feel heard, it'll be easier for you to get along.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
Accepting and giving good advice can make you a valued member of a team right now. If you're not already a leader, its likely that many people treat you as such thanks to your logical methods. Don't be afraid to offer alternatives that could save time, money and energy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sweet-talking your way into an opportunity just might work out. Money could be tight at the moment, but you could have some options. While you may need to take a leap of faith, as long as you keep working, resources should appear. Keep moving forward.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Support from family members might be available today if you ask. Be open to receiving their generosity. It's OK to accept help every once in a while. When you give your loved ones a chance to repay the kindness you've shown them in the past, it can make for more balanced relationships.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your best friend or business partner might have some valuable skills they can share with you. Don't be afraid to ask. You might develop a newfound respect for their knowledge. Stop putting labels on what kind of person they are. Let others surprise you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Invigorating energy could fill your body and mind today. Spending a little extra money on your own well-being may pay off handsomely. Even if friends scoff at your efforts to improve yourself, you have the willpower to brush them off and stay focused on your goal.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The more confident you are, the more successful you can be. Going off the beaten path often provides some useful shortcuts. Authority figures might not be a fan of your unique style, but they don't need to know about your plans. It's better to ask for forgiveness than permission.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Talk to a trusted relative about an issue that's been weighing on your heart. Their support could give you the courage to break away from a life pattern that no longer serves you. While it's kind of you to worry about other people's feelings, you shouldn't sacrifice your own happiness for anyone else's.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Nov. 20, 1945, 22 former Nazi officials went on trial before a war crimes tribunal in Nuremberg.

In 1947, Britain's future queen, Princess Elizabeth, married Prince Philip.

In1962, President John F. Kennedy held a news conference in which he announced the end of the naval quarantine of Cuba imposed during the missile crisis.

In 1976, "Rocky," starring Sylvester Stallone, premiered in New York.

In 1984, Michael Jackson was inducted into the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

In 1985, the first version of Microsoft's Windows operating systemwas officially released.

In 2003, record producer Phil Spector was charged with murder in the shooting death of actor Lana Clarkson.

In 2012, former boxing champion Hector "Macho" Camacho was shot while sitting in a car.

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz













Garfield By Jim Davis







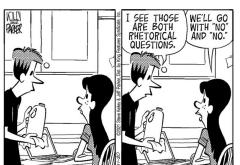
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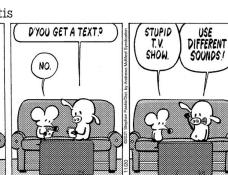
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Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis





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Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



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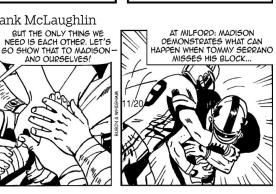






Gil Thorp By Neal Rubin and Frank McLaughlin





Mary Worth By Karen Moy and June Brigman





Rex Morgan, M.D. By Terry Beatty





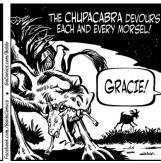
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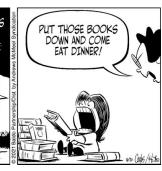




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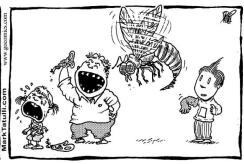




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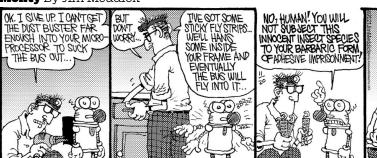




Rhymes With Orange By Hilary Price



Monty By Jim Meddick



For Better Or For Worse By Lynn Johnston









B.C. By Hart



Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker





Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne



Hagar The Horrible By Chris Browne





Non Sequitur By Wiley Miller





Curtis By Ray Billingsley









Pickles By Brian Crane







Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



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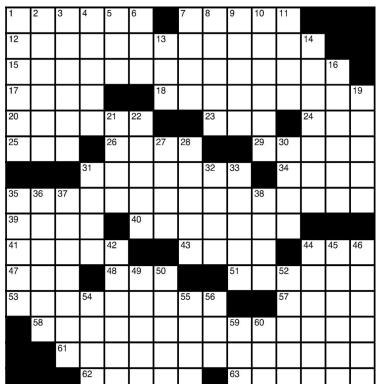
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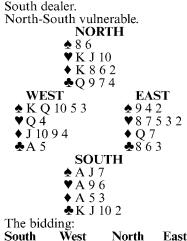


By David Distenfeld

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER



Opening lead — king of spades. The two-way guess

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Players inclined toward masochism can indulge their whim whenever they are confronted by a two-way finesse for a missing queen. This form of entertainment — if you can call it that — might appeal to some declarers, but most players would rather not be faced with such a challenge. Indeed, whenever possible, the expert tries to circumvent the two-way guess by avoiding it altogether.

Consider the present case, where South can easily make three notrump by taking a heart finesse in the right direction. Instead of subjecting himself to a straight-out guess, however, declarer might be able to get the opponents to do his work for him.

West leads the king of spades, which South ducks as East follows with the deuce.

Another spade lead would hand declarer the contract, so let's say West shifts to the

jack of diamonds. Again declarer ducks, hoping the diamonds are divided 3-3, in which case guessing the heart finesse would no longer be crucial. West then continues with a low diamond, East's queen forcing the ace.

South now leads the king of clubs. West wins and returns the diamond ten to dummy's king.

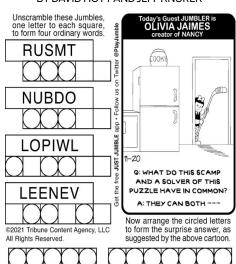
When East shows out, South is still faced with the problem of acquiring his ninth trick. The good news, though, is that he no longer needs to stake the outcome on a neart guess.

Instead, he cashes the J-Q of clubs, then leads dummy's eight of diamonds and discards his last club.

This puts West on lead, and he must return either a spade or a heart. Whichever he chooses gives South his ninth trick.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



Jumbles: MOUND DRIFT TAUGHT COLUMN What Wallace and Spud were doing on the boat - CHUMMING AROUND

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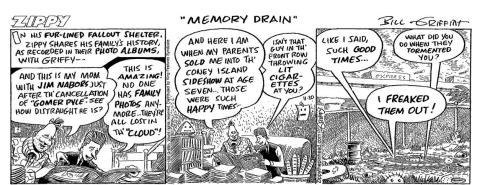
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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ready for some drama in Bahamas

No. 2 Huskies to meet Minnesota in the inaugural Battle 4 Atlantis

By Alexa Philippou Hartford Courant

After a nearly weeklong hiatus in between games, the UConn women's basketball team will be back up and running Saturday to kick off what should shape up to be a thrilling Thanksgiving hoops tournament.

The No. 2 Huskies will take on Minnesota on Saturday in their first game of the inaugural Battle 4 Atlantis women's tournament, held at the iconic Atlantis resort in the Bahamas. UConn will then play either USF or Syracuse on Sunday with a potential 1-vs-2 matchup against top-ranked South Carolina looming Monday.

"For a young team, this is a great way to get the season off and running," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said Friday.

While the Huskies are plenty familiar with the Gamecocks (whom they beat in overtime in February), Oregon (who's on the other side of the bracket), as well as the likes of former conference foes USF and Syracuse, Auriemma hasn't faced the Gophers since Diana Taurasi and then-player Lindsay Whalen squared off in the 2004 national semifinal game. The Huskies won that one 67-58 on their way to taking home their third straight championship. A lot has happened since then:

Whalen went on to have a legendary career in the WNBA and with USA Basketball, where Auriemma was coached her at the London and Rio Olympics, and now as head coach for Minnesota.

"[Playing Whalen is] torture because it's another reminder of how old I am," Auriemma quipped.

"It's just great when really good players, like Lindsay was in college, become really good players in the

Turn to Gophers, Page 4



Paige Bueckers and Connecticut will meet Minnesota on Saturday in the Battle 4 Atlantis tourney. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

HIGH SCHOOLS



STAN GODLEWSKI / SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND

The Simsbury High girls volleyball team reacts during its state tournament semifinal win over Bristol Eastern on Wednesday. The 11th-seeded Trojans will face RHAM on Saturday in the Class L state championship game. The high school fall season concludes with state championships this weekend in boys and girls soccer, field hockey, girls volleyball and swimming.

Saturday's area schedule

Class M boys soccer: Ellington vs. Stonington, 11 a.m., Dillon Stadium
Class LL boys soccer: Farmington vs. Cheshire, 6:30 p.m., Dillon Stadium
Class M girls soccer: Mercy vs. Sacred Heart Academy, 1:30 p.m.. Dillon
Stadium

Class M field hockey: Wethersfield vs. Guilford, 10 a.m., Wethersfield High Class S girls volleyball: Coventry vs. Lyman Memorial, 10 a.m., East Haven High

Class L girls volleyball: Simsbury vs. RHAM, 4 p.m., East Haven High More on Saturday's championships, C4

UCONN MEN'S

Freshman taking flight for Huskies

Hawkins expected to make big leaps as his career progresses

By Shreyas Laddha Hartford Courant

STORRS — Freshman guard Jordan Hawkins is UConn men's basketball teams cheat code.

UConn has started off the season in dominant fashion, beating its first three mid-major opponents (Central Connecticut, Coppin State and LIU) by an average point differential of 46.3 points.

In that span, the Huskies have shot 26-for-69 (37.7%) from 3-point territory, including an abysmal 8-for-26 against LIU.

Enter, Hawkins who is here to help this defense-minded UConn team on the offensive end.

Coming off an ankle injury, the sharpshooter made his collegiate debut on Wednesday vs. LIU. He made his first basket of the season with 6:26 left in the game and finished with five points on 1-for-4 shooting along with grabbing four rebounds in eight minutes.

For UConn head coach Dan Hurley, he sees Hawkins as rotation fixture in the future.

"We feel like out of the young guys, he's by far the most ready to take the floor, to take the court with the team of eight other guys effectively and ready to hit the ground running," Hurley said.

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COMMENTARY

Calhoun changed a few more lives for better at Saint Joseph

elshaun Jackson Jr. scored 1,988 points at Hartford's Prince Tech, but his plans to go to prep school fell through and he found himself without a lot of options for his raw talent.

Then Jim Calhoun came along, the University of Saint Joseph incarnation of the Hall of Fame UConn men's basketball coach.

"And he basically saved me so I could play college basketball," Jackson said. "I didn't really have



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any place to go. I don't know where I'd be or what I'd be doing if he wasn't here"

That first summer of 2018 at Saint Joseph's old gym, Tyree

Mitchell came to shoot baskets with Jackson, his former team-

"I was going to junior college," Mitchell said. "Coach Calhoun saw me, came over, asked me my name, and then he started coming to my games."

Jackson and Mitchell, God brothers from Hartford and East Hartford, became charter members of Jim Calhoun's last college team, the last group of kids

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injured for more than 60 years

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he would find, coach and send on their way in life with tools to succeed. Calhoun startled them on Thursday when he began practice by telling them he was retiring as men's basketball coach.

He didn't come to Saint Joseph to produce more NBA players, he'd been there and done plenty of that. He came for something more, and he stayed for this:

"I really, really love these kids," Calhoun said as his retirement was formally announced on Friday.
"I've watched them grow. We have seven or eight honor students out of 17 kids. A lot of the kids are finding responsibility. I must tell them every day, education is not free, but what you get out of it is going to pay an awful lot for you. Kids from Prince Tech, or wherever, who might not have been exposed to a place like Saint Joe's in the past,

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Safety Tip of the Day

Help your kids develop skills to make safe and healthy choices every day. These include fastening seat belts, wearing helmets, eating healthy foods, brushing teeth, washing hands, and more.

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UP NEXT

UConn football: at Central Florida, Saturday, 4 p.m. Patriots: Titans, Nov. 28, Giants: at Buccaneers, Monday, 8:15 p.m. Jets: Dolphins, Sunday, 1

UConn MBB: Binghamton (XL Center), Saturday, noon; vs. Auburn (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.: vs. TBA (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Thursday, time TBA UConn WBB: VS. Minnesota (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Saturday, noon; vs. TBA (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Sunday, time TBA; vs. TBA (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Monday, time TBA Celtics: Thunder,

p.m.; Nets, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Knicks: Rockets, Saturday, 5 p.m.; at Bulls, Sunday, 8 p.m.; Lakers, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Nets: at Cavaliers,

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.;

Rockets, Monday, 7:30

Monday, 7 p.m.; at Celtics, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Suns. Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m. **UConn hockey:** at UMass Lowell, Saturday, 3:30 p.m.: UMass Lowell. Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; Colgate, Nov. 27, 4 p.m. Bruins: at Flyers, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Flames, Sunday, 7 p.m.; at Sabres, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Rangers: Sabres, Sunday, 6 p.m.: at Islanders. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Bruins, Friday, 1 p.m. Wolf Pack: Hershev. Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Springfield, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Springfield, Nov. 27, 2 p.m.

TV/RADIO **BASKETBALL**

6 a.m.: Charleston Classic: Teams TBA. (Taped) ESPNU 12 p.m.: Binghamton at Connecticut. (Live) FS1 **12 p.m.:** Women's College: Battle 4 Atlantis: Minnesota vs. UConn. (Live), FloHoops 5 p.m.: Houston Rockets at New York Knicks. (Live), MSG 7:30 p.m.: Oklahoma City Thunder at Boston Celtics. (Live), NBCSB

BOXING 7 p.m.: Terence Crawford vs. Shawn Porter -Prelims. (Taped) ESPN2 **FOOTBALL**

7:30 p.m.: Charlotte

Hornets at Atlanta

Hawks. (Live) NBA

12 p.m.: Michigan State at Ohio State. (Live) ABC 12 p.m.: Iowa State at Oklahoma. (Live) FOX 12 p.m.: Florida State at Boston College. (Live)

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2:30 p.m.: Georgia Tech at Notre Dame. (Live)

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at Oregon State. (Live)

HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND

Breaking down all the area matchups

By Lori Riley Hartford Courant

After missing a year due to the pandemic, high school state championships are back and boys and girls soccer, field hockey, volleyball and State Open swim titles will be contested this weekend.

Eight boys and girls soccer finals will be played at Dillon Stadium in Hartford Saturday and Sunday, three field hockey championship games will take place at Wethersfield High and four volleyball finals will be at East Haven High. The State Open swim meet will take place Sunday at Cornerstone Aquatic Center in West Hartford.

Here is a look at the local teams competing:

Boys soccer Ellington vs Stonington, Saturday, 11 a.m.: The

12th-seeded Purple Knights (14-4-2) and Stonington (20-1) will meet for the Class M championship in the first of four games at Dillon Saturday. This is a rematch of the 2019 Class M final, which Stonington won, 1-0. Ellington is making its third straight championship game appearance. Ellington junior Ryan Dieterle scored two goals in a 3-2 overtime semifinal win over Ledvard. No. 3 Stonington has outscored its opponents 12-1 in the tournament and has won 20 straight.

Farmington vs. Cheshire,

Seventh-seeded Farmington (16-3-1) makes its first appearance in a Class LL championship game since 2016 when the River Hawks beat Shelton to win the

Saturday, 6:30 p.m.:

program's 11th title. Cheshire, the 13th seed at 14-5-2, upset No. 1 Xavier on penalty kicks in the semifinal and advances to its first championship game since 1988.

Wethersfield vs. Fitch, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.: No. 12 seed Wethersfield (14-3-3) will play in its first Class L championship since 2015 when the Eagles lost to Avon. They haven't won a title since 2008. William McCarter scored the lone goal in Wethersfield's 1-0 win over Guilford in the semifinal, Fitch (14-6) is the 14th seed.

Canton vs. Old Saybrook, Sunday, 6:30 p.m.: Both

teams survived wild finishes to win in the Class S semifinals. Eighth-seeded Canton (16-4) and its defense managed to hold off Griswold through regulation and two overtimes and then won the shootout 4-2 to advance to its first final since 2003. The No. 2 Rams (17-0-3) trailed Somers 3-1 late in the second half and scored twice in the last five minutes, including a game-tying penalty kick with two seconds left by Cam D'Angelo. Old Saybrook, the 2018 and 2019 Class S champion, won 5-3 in

Mercy vs. Sacred Heart, Saturday 1:30 p.m.: The Class M championship will be a rematch of the SCC tournament semifinal, in which fourth-seeded Mercy (19-2-2) handed No. 3 Sacred Heart (17-1-3) its first loss, 2-1. The two teams did not

Girls soccer

face each other in the regular season. Mercy won the SCC tournament, beating Amity on penalty kicks and freshman forward Lanev Smith was the tournament

Northwest Catholic vs. Holy Cross, Sunday, 11 a.m.: Northwest Catholic, 10-8-2 and the 24th seed in Class S, beat No. 12 Coginchaug 4-0 in the semifinals. They will face Holy Cross, the second seed, which won the Class S title in

Simsbury vs. St. Joseph, Sunday, 4 p.m.: Tenthseeded Simsbury (12-2-6) advanced to its first Class L final since 2005 by beating E.O. Smith 1-0 on penalty kicks (4-1) in the semifinal game. St. Joseph (19-1-1) has lost only once, in the FCIAC tournament quarterfinals on penalty kicks and has outscored opponents 13-1 in the Class L tournament.

Volleyball RHAM vs. Simsbury, Saturday, 4 p.m.: This Class L championship match will be a rematch of the CCC

Simsbury setter Brenna Piller sets up a teammate for a return in front of Bristol Eastern fans during action between Simsbury and Bristol Eastern in the Class L state semifinal volleyball match at Northwest Catholic High School. Simsbury won and will play RHAM for the Class L state championship Saturday. STAN GODLEWSKI/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

tournament quarterfinal, where Simsbury (21-5) upset RHAM 3-2 for the Raptors' second loss. Top-seeded RHAM (22-2) has won seven state titles, including back-toback championships in 2016 and 2017. It's Simsbury's first trip to the finals since 1972.

Coventry vs. Lyman

Memorial, Saturday, 10 a.m.: No. 8 seed Coventry and thirdseeded Lyman are familiar foes in the Class S final. They've played each other in 2015 and 2017 (Coventry won) and 2018 (Lyman won). Lyman is the twotime defending champion. Coventry has won 11 Class S championships.

Field hockey Wethersfield vs. Guilford, Saturday, 10 a.m.: The Eagles will play in their first state championship since 1980 on their home field, which has been used for the finals since 2005. Wethersfield (18-1) is the No. 2 seed. Top-seeded Guilford is the two-time defending Class M champion.

Swimming

The State Open is Sunday at 2 p.m. at Cornerstone Aquatics in West Hartford. Some top local swimmers are: Enfield's Aislin Farris, who won the Class LL backstroke and finished second in the 200 IM: Glastonbury's Avery Kudlac (Class LL 200 free champion and 100 fly runner-up) and Riley Kudlac (Class LL 50 free runner-up and 200 free runner-up); Hall's Meghan Tiernan (Class LL 500 free runner-up) and Jacqueline Fox (Class LL 100 back runnerup) and Cheshire's Avery Potvrala (Class L100 free champion, 200 free runnerup) and Julia Barto (Class L 200 IM runner-up, 100 back runner-up), Wethersfield's Alanna DePinto (Class L 50 and 100 free runner-up); Conard's Liv Sherry (Class L 100 breast champion); South Windsor's Amber Simpson Zeng (Class L100 breast runner-up); Hand's Grace Sweeney (Class M 100 fly champion) and Lyman Hall's Elise Richardson (Class M 100

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back champion).

COLLEGE FIELD HOCKEY

In NCAA D-III semifinal, Trinity prepped for No. 2 Johns Hopkins

By Lori Riley Hartford Courant

Trinity College field hockey coach Anne Parmenter wasn't too sure of what to expect from her team this fall, a year after the Bantams didn't play due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But she wasn't really expecting them to be in the Division III national semifinal game at 2 p.m. Saturday against undefeated Johns Hopkins (21-0).

It's Parmenter's first trip as coach to the final four which Trinity is hosting on its Hartford campus — and

Trinity's first trip since 1998. "Coming out of COVID, I don't think any coach really knew what their teams would be like, not really having a season last year or having a couple of practices but no competition," said Parmenter, who has coached at Trinity for 21 years. "My assistant and I were like, 'We've got some good kids, but how good are you compared to other people?' There was no gauge anymore. We knew they

were nice kids, but now we actually have to compete and a whistle blows and somebody actually wins."

It may be a tall order for 10th-ranked Trinity (15-5) to beat No. 2 ranked Johns Hopkins, which is competing in its third straight national semifinal, but the Bantams have been on a roll in the NCAA tournament, knocking out Kean (20-3) 2-0 in the second round, then Babson, which had only lost one game before last Sunday, 2-0, in the quarterfinals.

Trinity has come a long way this year. As the season kicked off this fall, the players complained to the administration when their expected stadium renovation did not happen but the adjacent football stadium was renovated. Other women's athletes on campus joined their cause, complaining about inequality and prompting the college president to issue a call for a Title IX review of sports on campus.

"When we started the season, we were still like,

"Ehh, we're a few players short here and we don't know who to start there," Parmenter said. "And then all this stuff [with the stadium started happening and it brought the team together in a different way. I don't know, they're just on fire right now. They're on a mission."

The Bantams are led by senior Caelin Flaherty (20 goals, five assists) and sophomore Jackie Frank (13 goals, four assists).

"Maybe it's a bit smoke and mirrors, but right now, we're just doing what we've been doing all season and trying to keep it rolling," Parmenter said. "Caelin Flaherty has been amazing, but we've had younger players stepping up and scoring and keeping the ball out, they're just doing a really good job as a team.

"Caelin is another caliber, but there aren't tons of superstars on this team. They're all just grinders and they work really hard."

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CELTICS 130, LAKERS 108

Tatum scores 37, spoils James' return

Associated Press

BOSTON - Jayson Tatum scored 37 points and the Boston Celtics beat Los Angeles 130-108 on Friday night in LeBron James' return to the Lakers' lineup.

Marcus Smart had 22 points and Dennis Schroder 21 for Boston (8-8), which climbed back to .500. Tatum had 11 rebounds and Al Horford added 18 points.

Anthony Davis led Los Angeles with 31 points and James finished with 23 in 32 minutes. They each had six rebounds and two assists.

James had missed eight games with an abdominal strain, and the Lakers went 3-5 while he was sidelined. They've lost their last four road games.

The teams who have accounted for nearly half of the NBA's championships with 17 apiece renewed their rivalry in front of a raucous TD Garden crowd that made it seem like a playoff atmosphere from the opening tip.

Hall of Famer Bill Russell — introduced as a "true Celtics legend" when he was welcomed back by the PA announcer and shown on the Jumbotron midway into the opening quarter was seated courtside wearing a hat with the initials "KB" encircled in a vellow heart on the front for the late

The Celtics led by 11 points entering the final quarter and opened a 109-94 lead on Tatum's three-point play with 6:59 remaining. His 3-pointer from the left corner increased it to 116-99 with 5:02 to go.

Lakers star Kobe Bryant.

The Lakers made nine of their initial 12 shots en route to a 38-30 lead after one quarter.

James' first basket came on a thundering dunk off a drive down the lane 2 ½ minutes into the game.

Boston erased a 14-point deficit in the second quarter and took the lead before James' fast-break layup gave the Lakers a 61-60 halftime edge.

The Celtics opened the second half with a 14-4 surge and led 93-82 entering the fourth.

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we've made them an integral part of what we do. We'd like to continue to do that, someday be the 'Hartford place

Both Jackson and Mitchell are on pace to graduate in 2023, and both aspire to become social workers in their hometowns. "They need Black male role models," Jackson said.

Jackson, 5 feet 10, was a ready-made playmaker for Division III basketball and helped Calhoun and his associate head coach, Glen Miller, Calhoun's successor, win 16 games and reach the conference championship game in Year 1. He's averaged 17.9 points in 59 games. Mitchell sat out that first year.

"Coach and I decided I should redshirt," Mitchell said. "That first year, I was a little chubby and he told me to lose weight over the summer, and I did. ... He's always talked to me about being accountable."

The next year, he played off the bench as Saint Joseph went 26-3, made the NCAA

Division III tournament. Through the first three games of this season, Mitchell is the Blue Jays' leading scorer, averaging 15.7 points.

The Saint Joseph era of Calhoun, the Hall of Fame coach with three national titles at UConn, has been something different. It became something much closer to his early days as a high school coach at Old Lyme or Dedham, Massachusetts. Oh, he has won and won big, 47-17. Now that his original freshmen are seniors, they are ranked ninth in Division III.

"He's helped me more off the court than on, to be honest," Jackson said.
"Always telling me to keep working hard and get to class.

Calhoun, 79, talked of staying a year or so to get the program up and running, but he has put himself through hell to stay more than four years. He overcame cancer and heart disease before he got here and began an epic battle with stomach cancer as he accepted the job in 2017. The chance to make a difference. be part of a school's transformation to co-ed, and create

a new opportunity for kids to play basketball in college, lured him from retirement and kept him driving from Pomfret to West Hartford and back.

Illnesses and complications kept forcing him to hand things off to Miller more and more. Though Calhoun was on campus and at practice nearly every day, the adrenaline flow of game days often wreaked havoc with his system. He was hit hard, too, by the death of his older sister, Rose. He took the phone call on the day the new gym was officially opened in September.

So he decided now was the time to stop coaching, while he felt good and the program was winning. Now, he and his wife, Pat, get to enjoy time together, time with children and grandchildren, time in Hilton Head.

"I was shocked when he told us," Jackson said. "But I just want him to enjoy the rest of his life. We're in perfect hands with Coach Miller."

"Yes," Mitchell agreed. "Perfect."

So this chapter ends happily for Calhoun. He has cut down enough nets but won't stop trying to change lives for the better. He won't disappear from campus, his last group of kids will have his number and can call any time, just like UConn legends Ben Gordon or Caron Butler or Kemba Walker.

"Saint Joe's has been a really, really great gift for me to be able to coach again,"

Calhoun said. "Being there for kids. Life's a battle for all of us in a whole bunch of different ways. I've been for very fortunate to do what I love, and it's kind of payback because people helped me when I needed it the most. ... I'll find another fight, you know that."

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N.Y. Islanders	13	5	6	2	12	29	3
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Minnesota	16	11	5	0	22	56	4
Winnipeg	16	9	3	4	22	52	4
St. Louis	16	9	5	2	20	55	4
Nashville	16	9	6	1	19	44	4
Colorado	13	7	5	1	15	47	4
Dallas	15	6	7	2	14	39	5
Chicago	16	5	9	2	12	37	5
Arizona	17	2	13	2	6	30	6
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FRIDAY'S RESULTS Colorado at Seattle, late Winnipeg at Vancouver, late SATURDAY'S GAMES
Carolina at Los Angeles, 4p.m. New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 4p.m. Minnesota at Florida, 6p.m. Boston at Philadelphia, 7p.m. Calgary at N.Y. Islanders, 7p.m. Nashville at Montreal, 7p.m. Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7p.m. Detroit at Arizona, 8p.m. St. Louis at Dallas, 8p.m. Chicago at Edmonton, 10p.m. Columbus at Vegas, 10p.m. Washington at San Jose, 10:30p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, ppd. THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Pittsburgh 6, Montreal 0
Calgary 5, Buffalo 0

Toronto 2, N.Y. Rangers 1 Florida 4, New Jersey 1 Tampa Bay 4, Philadelphia 3(SO) St. Louis 4, San Jose 1 Minnesota 7, Dallas 2 Columbus 5, Arizona 4(SO) Edmonton 2, Winnipeg 1(SO) Carolina 2, Anaheim 1 Nashville at Ottawa, ppd

SOCCER **MLS CUP PLAYOFFS**

EAST FIRST ROUND Phi. vs. NY Red Bulls, Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Nashville vs. Orlando, Tuesday, 8 p.m. N.Y. City vs. Atlanta, Sunday, 3 p.m. WEST FIRST ROUND

eattle vs. Salt Lake, Tuesday, 10:30 p.m. Sporting KC vs. Vancouver, Saturday, 10 p.m. Portland vs. Minnesota, Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

NWSL CHAMPIONSHIP Saturday in Louisville, noon Chicago vs. Washington

AMERICAN CONFERENCE								
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA		
Buffalo	6	3	0	.667	280	135		
New England	7	4	0	.636	300	177		
Miami	3	7	0	.300	177	252		
N.Y. Jets	2	7	0	.222	161	296		
SOUTH	W	L	Т	PCT	PF	PA		
Tennessee	8	2	0	.800	278	232		
Indianapolis	5	5	0	.500	268	230		
Jacksonville	2	7	0	.222	149	232		
Houston	1	8	0	.111	128	258		
NORTH	W	L	Т	PCT	PF	PA		
Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	231	217		
Pittsburgh	5	3	1	.611	177	185		
Cincinnati	5	4	0	.556	236			
Cleveland	5	5	0		231	241		
WEST	W	L	Т	PCT	PF	PA		
Kansas City	6	4	0	.600	262	241		
L.A. Chargers	5	4	0	.556	219	228		
Las Vegas	5	4	0	.556	210	230		
Denver	5	5	0	.500	200	183		
NATIONAL C	ON:	IFER	REN	CE				
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA		
Dallas	7	2	0	.778	284	195		
Philadelphia	4	6	Ō	.400	257	231		
N.Y. Giants	3	6	0	.333	179	216		
Washington	3	6	0	.333	185	246		
SOUTH	W	L	Т	PCT	PF	PA		

Denver	5	5	0	.500 200 183
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EAST	W	L	T	PCT PF PA
Dallas	7	2	0	.778 284 195
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400 257 231
N.Y. Giants	3	6	0	.333 179 216
Washington	3	6	0	.333 185 246
SOUTH	W	L	Т	PCT PF PA
Tampa Bay	6	3	0	.667 279 212
New Orleans	5	4	0	.556 222 178
Carolina	5	5	0	.500 205 193
Atlanta	4	6	0	.400 178 288
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT PF PA
Green Bay	8	2	0	.800 216 180
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444 221 211
Chicago	3	6	0	.333 150 224
Detroit	0	8	1	.056 150 260
WEST	W	L	T	PCT PF PA
Arizona	8	2	0	.800 287 189
L.A. Rams	7	3	0	.700 271 227
San Francisco	4	5	0	.444 216 212
Seattle	3	6	0	.333 181 186

WEEL 11 SUNDAY'S GAMES Baltimore at Chicago, 1p.m. Detroit at Cleveland, 1p.m. Green Bay at Minnesota, 1p.m. Houston at Tennessee, 1p.m. Indianapolis at Buffalo, 1p.m. Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1p.m. New Orleans at Philadelphia, 1p.m. San Francisco at Jacksonville, 1p.m. Washington at Carolina, 1p.m. Cincinnati at Las Vegas, 4:05p.m. Arizona at Seattle, 4:25p.m. Dallas at Kansas City, 4:25p.m.

MONDAY'S GAME N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, 8:15p.m.

Open: Denver, L.A. Rams

Pittsburgh at L.A. Chargers, 8:20p.m.

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LATE THURSDAY: NEW ENGLAND 25, ATLANTA 0									
New England	3	10	0	12	_	25			
Atlanta	0	0	0	0	_	0			
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kick), 13:44. NE: FG Folk 44, :00. Fourth Quarter NE: FG Folk 53, 6:39 NE: FG Folk 33, 1:55. NE: Van Noy 35interception return (kick

TEAM STATS	NE	AT
First downs	20	1
Total net yards	308	16
Rushes-yards	30-134	16-4
Passing	174	12
Punt returns	3-17	1-1
Kickoff returns	0-0	6-11
Interceptions ret.	4-38	1-3
Comp-att-int	22-26-1	20-32-
Sacked-yards lost	3-33	4-3
Punts	4-48.25	5-53.
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-
Penalties-yards	5-59	9-7
Time of possession	32:43	27:1
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RUSHING: New England, Stevensor 12-69, Harris 10-56, Bourne 1-7, Bolden 1-1, M.Jones 6-1. Atlanta, Ollison 9-34, K.Smith 3-8, Davis 3-1. PASSING: New England, M.Jones 22-26-1-207. Atlanta, Ryan 19-28-2-153, Rosen

1-3-1-5. Franks 0-1-1-0. RECEIVING: New England, Agholor 5-40, Bourne 4-42, Meyers 4-39, Henry 2-25, Bolden 2-15. Atlanta, Gage 5-49, K.Pitts 3-29, Zaccheaus 3-23, Davis 3-20, MISSED FIELD GOALS: Atlanta, Koo 50.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

AP MEN'S TOP 25 FARED No. 1 Gonzaga (3-0) vs. Bellarmine. Next: vs. Central Michigan, Monday. No. 2 UCLA (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Bellarmine, Monday.
No. 3 Kansas (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. North Texas. Thursda No. 4 Michigan (2-1) vs. UNLV. Next: vs. Tarlton St., Wednesday.
No. 5 Villanova (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 Tennessee, Saturday. No. 6 Purdue (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 North Carolina, Saturday No. 7 Duke (4-0) vs. Lafayette. Next: vs. Citadel, Monday.

No. 8 Texas (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. San Jose St., Saturday. No. 9 Baylor (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Stanford, Saturday No. 10 Illinois (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Monday. No. 11 Memphis (3-0) vs. W. Kentucky. at Chaminade, Monday

Next: at Virginia Tech, Wednesday.

No. 12 Oregon (2-1) did not play. Next: No. 13 Kentucky (3-1) beat Ohio 77-59. Next: vs. Albany, Monday. No. 14 Alabama (3-0) vs. Oakland. Next: at Iona, Thursday.
No. 15 Houston (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Butler. Monday No. 16 Arkansas (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas St., Monday. No. 17 Tennessee (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Villanova, Saturday. No. 18 North Carolina (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Purdue, Saturday No. 19 Ohio St. (3-1) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Monday. No. 20 Maryland (4-1) heat Hofstra

No. 21 Auburn (2-0) at South Florida. No. 22 St. Bonaventure (3-0) heat Clemson 68-65. Next: TBD, Sunday. No. 23 UConn (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Binghamton, Saturday.
No. 24 Florida (2-0) did not play. Next: at California, Monday, No. 25Southern Cal (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Dixie St., Monday.

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FRIDAY'S MEN'S SCORES Davidson 72, Penn 60 Georgetown 83, Siena 65 Iona 54, Liberty 50 Maryland 69, Hofstra 67 Merrimack 55, Lehigh 45 Northeastern 71, Duquesne 55 Pittsburgh 63, Towson 59 Vermont 61, Yale 53

SOUTH FAU 75, UT Martin 67 Furman 81, Radford 64 Kentucky 77, Ohio 59 Longwood 82, American 42 Marquette 82, W. Virginia 71 North Dakota 74, Troy 72 St. Bonaventure 68, Clemson 65 UMass 93, UNC-Greensboro 90, OT

MIDWEST

Creighton 78, Brown 57 Minnesota 78, Fort Wayne 49 Norfolk St. 90, Bowling Green 84 Oklahoma 87, Indiana St. 63 Weber St. 85, Ball St. 74 Youngstown St. 79, St. Thomas (MN) 75

WEST Colorado St. 66, Bradley 60 E. Washington 67, CS Northridge 64, OT Texas St. 85, Dixie St. 65 **WOMEN'S TOP 25 SCHEDULE** SATURDAY

No. 1South Carolina vs. Buffalo, 7:30 No. 2Connecticut vs. Minnesota at Imperial Arena, Paradise Island, The Bahamas, Noon No. 4Indiana at Ouinnipiac, 4p.m.

No. 9Oregon vs. Oklahoma, at Imperial Arena, Paradise Island, The Bahamas, No. 10Louisville at Washington, 5p.m. No. 13Michigan at Cent. Michigan, 1

No. 15Oregon St. vs. CS Bakersfield, No. 23South Florida vs. Syracuse, at Imperial Arena, Paradise Island, The Bahamas, 2:30p.m.

No. 25Virginia Tech vs. Campbell. 5n.m. FRIDAY'S WOMMEN'S SCORES Delaware 79, Delaware St. 48

Lehigh 91, Mount St. Mary's 72 Marshall 65, Morehead St. 58 UMass 61, Holy Cross 58 West Virginia 78, Kennesaw St. 58

Coll. of Charleston 66, Norfolk St. 62 Fairfield 59, Stetson 50 Florida 70, Grambling St. 55 Florida Gulf Coast 88, Manhattan 57 Morgan St. 87, Notre Dame (Md.) 35 Murray St. 78, Chattanooga 55 NC State 90, Kansas St. 69 Nicholls 73, Spring Hill 53 Northwestern St. 78, Louisiana Coll. 36 Radford 75, Lenoir-Rhyne 44 SC-Upstate 81, Columbia Intl 40 UAB 76, MVSU 62 Wofford 106, Southern Wesleyan 55

MIDWEST Michigan St. 100, Bryant 60

LPGA CME GROUP TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP 2nd of 4 rounds; Tiburon Golf Club; Naples, Fla.; 6,556 yds; Par 72

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Celine Boutier	65-65-130	-14
Gaby Lopez	66-68-134	-10
Minjee Lee	66-68-134	-10
Mina Harigae	65-69-134	-10
Georgia Hall	67-68-135	-9
Eun-Hee Ji	67-68-135	
Nelly Korda	66-69-135 64-71-135	-9
Jeongeun Lee6	64-71-135	-9
Jin Young Ko	69-67-136	-8
Ally Ewing	68-68-136	-8
Megan Khang	67-69-136	-8
Lexi Thompson	67-69-136	-8
Danielle Kang	71-66-137	-7
Wichanee Meechai	70-67-137	-7
Lydia Ko	69-68-137	-7
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	68-69-137	-7
Anna Nordqvist	68-69-137	-7
Jessica Korda	68-69-137	-7
A Lim Kim	71-67-138	-6
In Gee Chun	69-69-138	-6
Brittany Altomare	69-69-138	-6
Xiyu Lin	69-69-138	-6
Nasa Hataoka	69-69-138	-6
Su Oh	68-70-138	-6
Leona Maguire	67-71-138	-6
So Yeon Ryu	66-72-138	-6
Jasmine Suwannapura	66-72-138	-6
Sei Young Kim	65-73-138	-6
Ryann O'Toole	72-67-139	-5
Lizette Salas	70-69-139	-5
Madelene Sagstrom	69-70-139	-5
Hannah Green	66-73-139	
Wei-Ling Hsu	66-73-139	-5
Yuka Saso	66-73-139	-5

PGA TOUR RSM CLASSIC

2nd of 4 rounds: Sea Island Resort (Seaside) Club, Sea Island, Ga. Seaside Course (SS), Yardage: 7 Par: 70, Plantation Course (PL), Yard-

age: 7060; Par: 72		
Talor ooch	64a-65b-129 -	13
John Huh	63b-67a-130 -	12
Sebastian Munoz	60b-70a-130 -	12
Mackenzie Hughes	63a-68b-131 -	11
Taylor Moore	66a-65b-131 -	11
Zach Johnson	61b-71a-132 -	10
Seamus Power	63b-69a-132 -	10
Scott Stallings	63a-69b-132 -	10
Corey Conners	62b-71a-133	-9
Tom Hoge	65a-68b-133	-9
David Skinns	64b-69a-133	-9
Russell Henley	64a-70b-134	-8
Jim Herman	65b-69a-134	-8
Lee Hodges	65a-69b-134	-8
Lanto Griffin	65b-70a-135	-7
Adam Hadwin	67a-68b-135	-7
Sung Kang	67a-68b-135	-7
Russell Knox	67b-68a-135	-7
Luke List	68a-67b-135	-7
William McGirt	66b-69a-135	-7
Max McGreevy	66a-69b-135	-7
Keith Mitchell	68a-67b-135	-7
Aaron Rai	68a-67b-135	-7
Chez Reavie	63a-72b-135	-7
Justin Rose	67a-68b-135	-7

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS QUALIFYING 4th of 4 rounds: Primm Valley Golf

and Country Club; Nipton, Calif.; Lake Course; 6,945 yds; Par 71 Mark Walker 66-68-69-66-269 -15 David Berganio, Jr.70-72-67-62—271 -13 Tom Kalinowski 66-68-68-69—271 -13 Brian Cooper 69-67-64-72-272 -12 Harry Rudolph 71-67-66-70-274 -10 71-65-71-68—275 Bryan Hoops Craig Bowden 70-68-69-69-276 Joe Summerhays Ryan Dreyer 69-66-70-71—276 68-71-67-70—276 Chad Sorensen 71-68-67-70-276 Eric Bogar Kevin Baker 69-70-65-72—276 71-65-69-72—277 Dick Mast 68-73-68-69-278 Bob Niger Eddie Fernandes 72-70-70-67—279 70-70-70-69—279 Rick Garboski 72-72-69-67-280 Chris Hunsucker 68-70-71-71—280

DP TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP DUBAI 2nd of 4 rounds: Earth Course: Dubai. United Arab Emirates; 7,675 yds; Par 72

134 (-10)	
John Catlin	69-65
Sam Horsfield	68-66
Shane Lowry	69-65
135 (-9)	
Alexander Bjork	68-67
Rory McIlroy	65-70
136 (-8)	
Martin Kaymer	68-68
Collin Morikawa	68-68
137 (-7)	
Sergio Garcia	68-69
Joachim B. Hansen	67-70
Robert Macintyre	68-69

TENNIS

NITTO ATP TOUR FINALS Friday at Pala Alpitour, Turin, Italy, indoors-hard MEN'S SINGLES, GREEN GROUP

#1Novak Djokovic d. #10Cameron Norrie, 6-2, 6-1. #8Casper Ruud d. #5Andrey Rublev, 2-6, 7-5, 7-6(5).

WTA MONTEVIDEO OPEN Friday at Carrasco Lawn Tennis Club, Montevideo, Uruguay, red clay WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS #3Panna Udvardy d. #8Laura Pigossi, 6-2, 6-3. #5Diane Parry d. Ane Mintegi Del Olmo, 6-3, 6-1. #6Ekaterine Gorgodze d. Xiaodi You, 6-1, 6-3.

V. Jimenez Kasintseva d. Emiliana Arango, 7-5, 6-2.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

(Subject to change)
FRIDAY'S RESULTS So. Miss. (1-9) at La. Tech (3-7), late Memphis (5-5) at Houston (9-1), late Arizona (1-9) at Wash. St. (5-5), late Air Force (7-3) at Nevada (7-3), late S. Diego St. (9-1) at UNLV (2-8), late

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Duquesne (6-3) at Wagner (0-10), noon St. Francis (Pa.) (5-5) at CCSU (3-7), noon Butler (2-8) at Marist (5-4), noon Umass (1-9) at Army (6-3), noon Fordham (6-4) at Colgate (4-6), noon Campbell (3-7) at Rbt. Morris (3-6), noon Rutgers (5-5) at Penn St. (6-4), noon Fla. St. (4-6) at Boston Coll. (6-4), noon Dartmouth (8-1) at Brown (2-7), noon Harvard (7-2) at Yale (5-4), noon Texas (4-6) at West Virginia (4-6), noon Georgetown (2-7) at Morgan St. (1-9), noon Sacred Heart (7-3) at LIU Brklyn (2-7), noon Lafavette (3-7) at Lehigh (2-8), noon Columbia (6-3) at Cornell (2-7), 1p.m. Bryant (6-4) at Merrimack (5-5), 1p.m. Princeton (8-1) at Penn (3-6), 1p.m. Holy Cross (8-2) at Bucknell (1-9), 1p.m. Lynchburg (0-4) at Howard (2-8), 1p.m. Maine (5-5) at New Hamp, (3-7), 1p.m. Albany (NY) (2-8) at Stony Brook (4-6), 1 p.m. Villanova (8-2) at Delaware (5-5), 1 p.m. Michigan (9-1) at Maryland (5-5), 3:30 p.m. Virginia (6-4) at Pittsburgh (8-2), 3:30 p.m. East Carolina (6-4) at Navy (2-7), 3:30 p.m. South

Wofford (1-9) at North Carolina (5-5), noon South Florida (2-8) at Tulane (1-9), noon FAU (5-5) at W. Kentucky (6-4), noon Wake Forest (9-1) at Clemson (7-3), noon Chas. So. (4-5) at Georgia (10-0), noon N. Mex. St. (1-9) at Kentucky (7-3), noon Tenn. St. (5-5) at Miss. St. (6-4), noon NW St. (2-8) at McNeese St. (4-6), 1p.m. Texas St. (3-7) at Co. Carolina (8-2), 1 p.m. N. Alabama (2-8) at Hampton (5-5), 1 p.m. Gard.-Webb (3-7) at NC A&T (5-5), 1 p.m. Mercer (7-2) at ETSU (9-1), 1p.m. Drake (2-8) at Davidson (7-2), 1p.m. San Diego (6-4) at Stetson (4-6), 1p.m. Furman (5-5) at Samford (4-6), 1p.m. Monmouth (7-3) at Kennesaw (9-1), 1 p.m. The Citadel (3-7) at Chattanooga (6-4), 1 p.m. W. Carolina (3-7) at VMI (6-4), 1:30p.m. Del. St. (5-5) at NC Cent. (5-5), 2p.m. Towson (4-6) at J. Madison (9-1), 2p.m. Jacksonville St. (5-5) at E. Ky. (6-4), 2 p.m. SC State (5-5) at Norfolk St. (6-4), 2 p.m. UAPB (2-8) at Ala. A&M (6-3), 2p.m. Ark. St. (2-8) at Georgia St. (5-5), 2p.m. Alcorn St. (6-4) at Jackson St. (9-1), 2 p.m. Rhode Island (7-3) at Elon (5-5), 2p.m. Tenn. Tech (3-7) at Austin Peav (5-5), 3 p.m. Texas So. (3-7) at Ala. St. (3-6), 3p.m. Richmond (5-5) at Wm. & Mary (6-4), 3p.m. Marshall (6-4) at Charlotte (5-5), 3:30 p.m. Appal. St. (8-2) at Troy (5-5), 3:30 p.m. Old Dominion (4-6) at MTSU (5-5), 3:30 p.m. Bethune-Cookman (2-8) vs. Florida A&M (8-2) at Orlando, Fla., 3:30p.m. Arkansas (7-3) at Alabama (9-1), 3:30 p.m. Syracuse (5-5) at NC State (7-3), 4p.m. La.-Lafayette (9-1) at Liberty (7-3), 4 p.m. Uconn (1-9) at UCF (6-4), 4p.m. BYU (8-2) at Ga. Southern (3-7), 4p.m. North Texas (4-6) at FIU (1-9), 7p.m. Auburn (6-4) at S. Carolina (5-5), 7p.m. S. Ala. (5-5) at Tennessee (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Va. Tech (5-5) at Miami (5-5), 7:30p.m. Vanderbilt (2-8) at Mississippi (8-2), 7:30 p.m. La.-Monroe (4-6) at LSU (4-6), 9p.m.

Kent St. (5-5) at Akron (2-8), noon Mich. St. (9-1) at Ohio St. (9-1), noon Northwestern (3-7) vs. Purdue (6-4)

in Chicago, noon Murray St. (5-5) at E. III. (1-9), 1p.m. Ind. St. (4-6) at Illinois St. (4-6), 1p.m. Youngstown St. (2-7) at S. III. (7-3), 1 p.m. Illinois (4-6) at Iowa (8-2), 2p.m. W. Illinois (2-8) at N. Iowa (5-5), 2p.m. UT Martin (9-1) at SE Mo. (3-7), 2p.m. Presbyterian (2-8) at St. Thomas (6-3), 2 p.m. Morehd St. (6-4) at Valparaiso (4-6), 2 p.m. Ga. Tech (3-7) at N. Dame (9-1), 2:30 p.m. N. Dak. (5-5) at S. Dak. St. (7-3), 3p.m. Minnesota (6-4) at Indiana (2-8), 3:30 p.m. SMU (8-2) at Cincinnati (10-0), 3:30p.m. S. Dak. (7-3) at N. Dak. St. (9-1), 3:30 p.m. Nebraska (3-7) at Wisconsin (7-3), 3:30 p.m. Florida (5-5) at Missouri (5-5), 4p.m. Baylor (8-2) at Kansas St. (7-3), 5:30 p.m.

Iowa St. (6-4) at Oklahoma (9-1), noon Prairie View (7-2) at Tex. A&M (7-3), noon Sam Houston State (9-0) at

Abilene Christian (5-5), 2p.m. Incarnate Word (8-2) at Houston Baptist (0-10), 3p.m. UAB (7-3) at UTSA (10-0), 3:30p.m. Temple (3-7) at Tulsa (4-6), 4p.m. Kansas (2-8) at TCU (4-6), 4p.m. Rice (3-7) at UTEP (6-4), 4p.m. St. F. Austin (7-3) at Lamar (2-8), 5p.m. C. Ark. (5-5) at Tarleton St. (5-5), 7p.m. Okla. St. (9-1) at Texas Tech (6-4), 8p.m.

Montana St. (9-1) at Montana (8-2), 2 p.m. Washington (4-6) at Colorado (3-7), 3 p.m. Idaho (3-7) at Idaho St. (1-9), 3p.m. N. Colo. (3-7) at Weber St. (5-5), 3p.m. UCLA (6-4) at Southern Cal (4-5), 4p.m. Sacra. St. (8-2) at UC Davis (8-2), 4p.m. E. Wash. (8-2) at Portland St. (5-5), 5:05 p.m. California (3-6) at Stanford (3-7), 7p.m. Oregon (9-1) at Utah (7-3), 7:30p.m. Wyoming (5-5) at Utah St. (8-2), 8p.m. N. Ariz. (4-6) at Cal Poly (2-8), 8:05p.m. Mo. St. (7-3) at Dixie St. (1-9), 9p.m. New Mexico (3-7) at Boise St. (6-4), 9 p.m. Ariz. St. (7-3) at Oregon St. (6-4), 10:30 p.m. Colorado St. (3-7) at Hawaii (4-7), 11 p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

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South Carolina coach Dawn Staley gestures to players during the first half of a game against Clemson on Wednesday in Columbia, S.C. SEAN RAYFORD/AP

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Searching for an open door

By Doug Feinberg Associated Press

Dawn Staley remembers when she was just beginning her coaching career when she'd look across the sideline and rarely see a Black female leading the opposing team.

While she now coaches against more Black females, Staley says it doesn't happen enough.

"There is an influx of Black women getting an opportunity," Staley said. "Black women are getting more chances to be the head honcho in their programs. I hope we continue to be successful."

A pair of Black women will square off Saturday when Staley's top-ranked Gamecocks open play in the first-ever women's Battle 4 Atlantis in the Bahamas against Buffalo and Felisha Legette-Jack. Staley, who recently signed a landmark \$22.4 million, seven-year contract, said it's simply a numbers game when looking at the demographics of who plays the sport compared to who gets the most opportunities to lead them.

"There should be a fair amount of Black women getting a chance because of who we serve," Staley said. "We serve a lot of players who are Black. I don't want people thinking I'm playing the race card. I've been in the game a long time, I've seen big jobs go to people that deserved an opportunity."

There are 12 Black women head coaches at Power Five schools this season, including two new ones out of nine openings: Marisa Moseley at Wisconsin and Johnnie Harris at Auburn.

Overall, 14 of 39 openings at Power Five schools this offseason went to minorities.

"I think more doors

should be opening because we're freaking good. It's undeniable you have to interview us," Legette-Jack said. "When you interview us, you must select us. The answer is yes. We are more ready than most people."

Legette-Jack said Black female coaches couldn't have a better advocate than Staley.

"I'm in awe of her. I'm a groupie. she's so great and gracious," the Bulls coach said. "You call her, and you think you're the most special person in the world. She does it with everybody."

Legette-Jack was one of nearly 70 Black female coaches that Staley sent a piece of her championship net that South Carolina won in 2017.

"She sent it to them and gave a note to them," Legette-Jack said. "She inspired us to want to reach higher. I've not seen that doing this for 33 years. No one has stepped out and been more impactful for the masses the way Dawn Staley has been."

Staley had been debating who to give a piece of the championship net too the same way Carolyn Peck had done for her years ago.

"I wrestled with who to give it to with so many coaches out there. I can't just pick one," Staley said. "Let me do something different and give them to all the Black women's coaches. There are Black men who are recipients. All Division I Black coaches in our game."

Staley hopes that those coaches will all find a way to uplift someone else when they are successful.

"Hopefully they can reach back into their coaching tree and career, see what people have impacted them in a way they can share it with," Staley said.

IN BRIEF

Browns' star Chubb back from COVID list

News services

Nick Chubb returned to the Browns in shorts, sleeveless and raring to run.

The Browns' star back was activated from the reserve/COVID-19 list on Friday. He is cleared to play Sunday when the Browns host the winless Lions, beginning a crucial three-game stretch.

Chubb tested positive for the virus on Nov. 9 and had to miss last weekend's 45-7 loss to the Patriots. Now that he's healthy, Chubb said he's prepared to carry the ball as often as the Browns need.

"I'm ready for whatever," he said.

Coach Kevin Stefanski also said quarterback Baker Mayfield will start after he sat out one day this week to rest shoulder, foot and knee injuries.

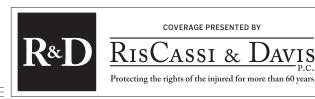
■ Former NFL player Zac Stacy has been arrested after the mother of his child showed detectives video of him attacking her at her central Florida home, authorities said.

Golf: What looked to be a wide-open race for the

richest prize in women's golf is now in the hands of Celine Boutier, who made seven birdies over the last 10 holes for a 7-under 65 and a four-shot lead Friday in the CME Group Tour Championship.

MLB: A special opening day for the newly named Cleveland Guardians began with a bang. Not the one they hoped for, either. As fans were buying the first available Guardians merchandise on Friday as the team officially transitioned from Indians after 106 years, a sign installed outside the team store at Progressive Field broke free from its mount and crashed to the sidewalk. "Well, that's an ominous sign," yelled one onlooker. Fans began lining up early in the morning to buy new caps, sweatshirts, T-shirts and other gear bearing the Guardians' logos.

NHL: The Avalanche signed coach Jared Bednar to a two-year extension that runs through the 2023-24 season, the team said Friday. Bednar, 49, has a 191-154-40 career mark in six seasons with the Avs.



Gophers

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WNBA and become All-Stars and then decide to stay in the game and try to impart some of what they know to the players that are coming up today," he continued. "I just think it's a great thing. I wish more former players would do it."

Upon assuming the helm at Minnesota, Whalen tried to recruit phenom Paige Bueckers, a Hopkins, Minnesota native, to stay home. Bueckers admired Whalen, having grown up watching her win four titles with the Minnesota Lynx, but stuck with her gut and went to her dream school of UConn.

This season, the Gophers are 3-1, winners of three straight after dropping their season opener to Jacksonville. They followed that with an overtime win over Arizona State.

Here's what else you need to know about the matchup.

The basics

Site: Atlantis, Paradise Island, The Bahamas

Time: Noon ET Series: UConn leads 2-0

Last meeting: No. 6 UConn 67, No. 24 Minnesota 58 in New Orleans, April 4, 2004

Streaming: The only way to watch UConn-Minnesota and the Huskies' second game of the tournament Sunday is on the online streaming site FloHoops. FloHoops offers monthly and yearly subscriptions. The monthly rate is \$29.99, while the yearly one is \$12.50 per month.

Broadcasters: Jill Painter Lopez (pxp), Helen Williams (analyst), Dani Wexelman (sideline)

Radio: The River 105.9, Bob Joyce (pxp), Debbie Fiske (analyst) **Next up:** UConn will play either **USF** or Syracuse Sunday

Other side of the bracket: Buffalo, Oregon, South Carolina, Oklahoma

Minnesota probable starters, sixth man

Sara Scalia, G, 5-10, Jr.; Jasmine Powell, G, 5-6, Jr.; Kadiatou Sissoko, F, 6-2, R-Jr.; Gadiva Hubbard, G, 5-9, Gr.; Bailey Helgren, F, 6-5, Gr.; Deja Winters, G, 5-11, Gr.

UConn probable starters, sixth man

Christyn Williams, G, 5-11, Sr.; Olivia Nelson-Ododa, F, 6-5, Sr.; Evina Westbrook, G, 6-0, R-Sr.; Paige Bueckers, G, 5-11, So.; Aaliyah Edwards, F, 6-3, So.; Azzi Fudd, G, aphilippou@courant.com.

UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Georgia player ranked

No. 27 in Class of 2023

Stephon Castle officially

The 6-foot-6 guard is ranked No.

Castle, who hails from Coving-

ton, Georgia, had six schools as

his finalists heading into Friday:

Arkansas, Auburn, Connecticut,

Georgia, Georgia Tech and Ohio

Castle plays for Newton High

School and is a four-star recruit,

according to Rivals and 247Sports.

He projects to be one of the best

passers in his class, a guard who is

a playmaker and can run a team's

offense. Castle also has great size

and strength for his age, with a

is more known for his facilitat-

According to 247Sports, Castle

strong upper body.

27 in the Class of 2023, according

committed to UConn men's

basketball team Friday evening.

By Shreyas Laddha

Hartford Courant

to 247Sports.

Four-star guard Castle

commits to Huskies

The matchup

UConn's offense: In the Huskies' season opener, Bueckers carried the load after the first quarter with 34 points. Westbrook and Williams had strong starts and finished with at least 15 points apiece. As the season goes on, UConn figures to have more scoring depth than exhibited Sunday, though Bueckers will no doubt still have the ball in her hands a lot, either as a facilitator or at times the primary scorer.

UConn's defense: One of the weaker points of UConn's opener, the Huskies' defense allowed 80 points to Arkansas, as both the guards struggled to keep players in front of them and the posts fouled too much.

Minnesota's offense: Offense has been tougher to come by for the Gophers. They are averaging 63.3 points per game on 37.2% shooting (31.6% on 3s) and scored just 48 points against George Washington recently. Scalia leads the team with 14.5 points per game. The Gophers play at a slow pace (70.3 possessions per 40 minutes). The team told the Minneapolis Star-Tribune that they're looking to get into the paint more and have better ball movement.

Minnesota's defense: A primary focus for the Gophers in the offseason, the unit has allowed just 54.0 points per game on 35.5% shooting. The team is pretty solid on the defensive glass, where they come away with 78.5% of rebounds. Sissoko is their top rebounder with 6.5 boards per game.

UConn keys: Though Minnesota isn't impressive offensively, Auriemma will be looking for his team to have a better outing defensively after it struggled against Arkansas. As always, rebounding on both ends and ball movement on offense will be key. A more balanced offensive performance would also be ideal.

Players to watch: Do the newcomers look more comfortable after somewhat ineffective outings

About Minnesota's coach: A basketball legend, Whalen is in her fourth season as head coach at her alma mater. The Minnesota native is a four-time WNBA champion, two-time Olympic gold medalist and is the WNBA's all-time wins leader. She sported a 45-39 record entering the 2021-22 season.

Minnesota's mascot: Goldy

Famous alumni: Musician Bob Dvlan, WWE wrestler Ric Flair, late vice president Hubert Humphrey.

Alexa Philippou can be reached at

ing skills rather than his scoring.

On the defensive end, his size will

allow him to guard multiple posi-

tions and handle different types of

Castle told 247Sports he was impressed by the UConn coach-

New York, where my family is, so I

really like that, too," he said.

'It is close to my second home in

UConn men's basketball coach

Dan Hurley pulled out all the

stops to secure a commitment

from Castle. During Castle's visit

to UConn two weeks ago, he was

surprised with a visit from his

grandmother, Ann James, whom

he hadn't seen since before the

nice things, but I thought by far,

this was one of the most thoughtful

things that any school has done for

him," his mother, Quannette, told

Castle becomes the first 2023

commit for the Huskies, joining

Class of 2022 recruits Donovan

Hearst Connecticut Media.

Clingan and Alex Karaban.

"All of the schools definitely do

COVID-19 pandemic.

players offensively.

UCONN FOOTBALL

Against their old 'rival' UCF, Huskies are huge underdog

By Dom Amore Hartford Courant

It'll never be one of the most storied rivalries in sports, but UConn vs. UCF has been the most parodied.

From the fertile imagination of former UConn coach Bob Diaco, The Civil ConFLiCT, which you can't spell without abbreviating Florida and Connecticut, is a comedic gift that keeps on giving. Wherever the trophy is today, next to a fake Maltese Falcon in a thrift store or with a pile of old carburetors in a junk heap, it represents the lost decade the 1-9 UConn football program needs to put behind it when Jim Mora begins his work

But there is one more line to be written on the series that has been neither civil, nor a conflict, nor a rivalry. No longer AAC partners, UConn and UCF play as nonconference opponents in Orlando on Saturday at 4 p.m.

"Their offense, they do an nice job of moving the ball around," said Lou Spanos, UConn's interim head coach. "The balance, the quarterback Mikey Keene, he's solid, the O-line does a nice job and you've got receivers, Brandon Johnson is a red-zone threat, Ryan O'Keefe, and the running backs have speed. Johnny Richardson, he can flat out run. They put points up, week in and week out. We have a task."

The Knights (6-4) are also solid on defense, and are heading for a bowl game under Gus Malzahn, who was scooped up to be their new head coach after he was fired at Auburn despite a 68-35 record.

UConn goes into the game in a familiar position, as four-touchdown underdogs, and will play out the string, finishing with this game and at home against Houston, another former AAC rival, next week. Mora, who will take over after this season, will be watching and taking notes.

If any UConn unit has been a bright spot this season, it's special teams, where coverage has been solid and kickoff returner Brian Brewton has been spectacular, returning one 99 yards for a TD at Clemson last week.

"Coach [Eddie] Allen does an outstanding job getting ready week in and week out, putting players in the best position, and that transfers over on game day," Spanos said. "Punting, punt coverage, all phases of special teams have been really consistent. I'm really proud of them."

Defensive tackle Travis Jones, invited to play in the Senior Bowl, stands out among several Huskies defenders who have risen above the rubble.

"These last couple of games, me and the guys are going to fight until the clock says zero each game," Jones said. "That's all we can do, really. Coach Spanos motivates us every day to go out there and play hard for him.

The basics

Time: 4 p.m. Venue: Bounce House, Orlando,

Series history: UCF, 5-2 The line: UCF by 30 ½

Records: UConn 1-9; UCF 6-4 TV: ESPN+ (Connor Onion, Leger Douzable)

Radio: UConn IMG Radio Network (Mike Crispino, Wayne Norman and Adam Giardino) -97.9 ESPN Hartford

Livestream: ESPN.com

Tale of the tape

UConn's offense: UConn couldn't do a thing at Clemson, which was really no surprise. Offensive line overmatched, receivers couldn't get open, neither quarterback nor any running back had a chance. The Huskies, averaging 263.5 yards per game, are 128th among 130 FBS teams.

UConn's defense: Jones has been an increasingly dominating presence in the middle of the line, freeing up others to be more active. The Huskies defense (110th in FBS) has improved over the course of the season, albeit incrementally.

UCF offense: The Knights lost starting quarterback Dillon Gabriel to a broken left clavicle in September, but he has been practicing and could make a return against UConn. True freshman Keene has

Brian Brewton, who has returned two kickoffs for TDs this season, has been UConn's most exciting player. The Huskies play at UCF on Saturday. JACOB KUPFERMAN/

more than held his own, with a 157.8 passer rating, and the Knights average 397.4 yards per game in total offense.

UCF defense: UCF opponents average 380 yards per game, so the defense, though better than recent years, can be bent. Bryson Armstrong, a hybrid linebacker-safety, is an all-over-the-field, Mr. Fixit for the Knights. He was an FCS All-American at Kennesaw

Key matchup: UConn wide receiver Keelan Marion, averaging 18.1 yards per catch, vs. UCF shutdown corner Davonte Brown

UConn player to watch: Brewton, averaging 30 yards per kickoff return, with TDs of 96 yards vs. Army and 99 to open the game at Clemson last week, is the most exciting player the Huskies have..

Knight player to watch: RB Johnny Richardson is averaging 5.7 yards per carry.

About UCF's coach: Malzahn, 56, has an 83-42 record as a head coach at Arkansas State, Auburn and UCF, and he has reached a bowl game in each of his nine seasons, this year will make 10. He coached Auburn to the FBS national championship game in 2013, losing to Florida State, but was felled by the expectations there and fired last

Famous UCF alumni: The Celtics' Tacko Fall, NFL quarterbacks Blake Bortles, Daunte Culpepper.

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Hawkins

Hawkins had an impressive resume coming into the season as a consensus top-50 recruit and 2020-21 Gatorade Maryland State Player of the Year.

The hype for Hawkins from media, fans, and even his own teammates, has reached unprecedented levels as UConn continues to dominate. Hawkins has shown his maturity even in practice.

"He's aggressive," said UConn senior Tyrese Martin. "I mean he's young, but he's aggressive. He knows what he does great. ... He gets to his spot and rises over people to make jump shots, makes the open shots."

Martin urged patience with Hawkins.

"He probably still has the jitters next two games, especially with Auburn, his biggest college game."

For Hurley, Hawkins will be pivotal as the Huskies continue to face tougher opponents.

"Jordan is a big-time talent, a special player, and he's really going to add to our offensive firepower," Hurley said. "He is a guy that has the ability to really open up the court for others and get along with what we're going to do defensively and rebounding."
As Hurley heads into Satur-

day's game against Binghamton, he urges his team to be focused and take it one game at a time.

Here's everything else you need to know about the matchup.

The basics

No. 23 UConn vs. Binghamton Time: Noon ET, Saturday Place: XL Center **Series:** First meeting

TV: FS1 Live stream: Fox sports

website. Radio: UConn Sports Network (Rob Joyce, Ben Darnell). 97.9-ESPN Hartford. WILI-1400-AM (Willimantic). WATR-1320-AM (Waterbury). WAVZ-1300-AM (New Haven). WGCH-1490-AM

Binghamton (1-2) probable starters, sixth man

(Greenwich).

John McGriff, G. 6-0. So.: Tyler Bertram, G, 6-3, Jr.; Jacob Falko, G, 6-3, Jr.; George Tinsley, F, 6-6, Jr.; Ogheneyole Akuwovo, C, 6-9, Jr.; Christian Hinckson, G, 6-7, Jr.;

No. 23 UConn (3-0) probable starters, sixth man

R.J. Cole, G, 6-1, GS; Isaiah Whaley, F, 6-9, GS; Tyrese Martin, G/F, 6-6, Sr.; Adama Sanogo, F, 6-9, So.; Andre Jackson, G/F, 6-6, So.; Jalen Gaffney, G, 6-3, Jr.

The matchup UConn's offense: Let Sanogo go to work vs. a short Bearcats

team. Sanogo is coming off his

worst game of the season vs. LIU. He had a season low 11 points on 3-for-7 shooting.

UConn's defense: Harass the Bearcat guards and force them into committing turnovers. The Bearcats currently average 17.6 turnovers a game.

Binghamton offense: Watch out for sophomores McGriff (14.3 points per game) and Kellen Amos (13.3 points per game).

Binghamton defense: The Bearcats come into the game allowing their first three opponents an average of 73.67 points per game, look for UConn to give them trouble offensively.

UConn key: UConn needs to use its length and defensive versatility to pressure a short Bearcats Players to watch: Hawkins.

The freshman made his season debut vs. LIU on Wednesday. His sharpshooting will be pivotal for a team that goes through scoring droughts. **About Binghamton's coach:**

Levell Sanders coached five years in the Czech Republic. His teams won at an 84 percent rate and captured bronze medals in the KNBL Czech League three straight years from 2015-18.

Binghamton's mascot: The Bearcat was chosen in 1999 because it represents "a mythical animal that combines the power and ferocity of a bear with the cunning and quickness of a cat."

Famous alumni: UFC fighter Jon Jones.

Did you know?

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SHORTS

Newton to start at QB for Panthers



Panthers coach Matt Rhule said Cam Newton will start Sunday at quarterback against the Washington Football Team. Rhule said P.J. Walker, who started in the Panthers' 34-10 win against the Cardinals last week, could still see action as well since there are portions of the game plan that Newton

is still learning. "He has really done a nice job of learning the game plan for this week," Rhule said of Newton, the league's MVP in 2015. "There is obviously a lot to learn and there are some parts that obviously he probably has a better grasp of than others. But he's worked hard and he's really a smart player, a smart quarterback." Newton scored touchdowns — one rushing and one passing — the first two times he touched the ball against the Cardinals. He played 12% of the team's offensive plays after signing with the team just three days before the game. As for Walker' role, Rhule said: "There are certain parts of the offense that Cam doesn't have a lot of exposure to yet, so we will have both guys up and ready to play and probably use both of them."

LPGA schedule features big money



One year after navigating through the coronavirus pandemic, the LPGA released a 2022 schedule on Friday that features 34 tournaments with record prize money that is approaching \$90 million. The LPGA Tour is taking five events to Southern California, including consecutive weeks in Los Angeles

and the final edition at Rancho Mirage of what is now The Chevron Championship, the first major of the year that will move to Houston in 2023. Nineteen tournaments have prize money of at least \$2 million, with the largest — for now — the CME Group Tour Championship at \$7 million, with \$2 million for the winner and \$40,000 for last place. The USGA has not announced the prize money for the U.S. Women's Open, which is expected to be significantly higher than the \$5.5 million this year. Mollie Marcoux Samaan, pictured, who became LPGA Tour commissioner in September, said women's golf was positioned for growth. "This is our time," she said. "The momentum is with us. And we just think there's even more growth to come in so many different areas."

Falcons' offense looking for answers



The first shutout loss in six years for the Falcons was only the capper on a miserable week for their offense. The Falcons' 25-0 loss to the Patriots on Thursday night followed Sunday's 43-3 defeat at Dallas in a week quarterback Matt Ryan, pictured, and the Falcons would rather forget. "It's been a tough

five days offensively," Ryan said. It was the Falcons' first shutout loss since a 38-0 blowout at Carolina on Dec. 13, 2015. The Falcons haven't scored a touchdown in more than two games. The last time they reached the end zone, Olamide Zaccheaus caught a fourth-quarter TD pass from Ryan for a 24-6 lead at New Orleans in a game the Falcons won 27-25 on Nov. 7. The impressive win over the Saints left the Falcons 4-4. Since that touchdown by Zaccheaus, the Falcons (4-6) have been outscored 87-6. Falcons coach Arthur Smith, the first-year coach and former Tennessee Titans offensive coordinator, vowed he will find fixes for the slumping offense. "We're going to get there," he said. "I promise you that. We're going to get out of this thing and continue to fight."

Chinese tennis star Peng Shuai disappeared after accusing a former government official of sexual assault. ANDY WONG/AP

TENNIS COMMENTARY

Demanding answers

Where is Shuai? Why isn't the IOC speaking out?

By Paul Newberry

Associated Press

Where is Peng Shuai?

It's a question that must be asked – loudly, for everyone to hear — by the International Olympic Committee as it prepares to hold the Winter Games less than three months from now in

Peng is, after all, one of its own, a three-time Olympian and tennis trailblazer who suddenly disappeared into the morass of what passes for justice in China after accusing a former top government official of sexually assaulting her.

China has insisted that it doesn't know what all the fuss is about, with a Foreign Ministry spokesperson saying Friday that the matter was "not a diplomatic question and I'm not aware of the situation."

An email released in Peng's name by state media - which sounded more like something a hostage might say under duress - backed off her initial allegation that an ex-vice premier and leading member of the ruling Communist Party had forced her to have sex despite repeated refusals.

The IOC seems content to go along with this ridiculous, clumsy ruse, not wanting to do anything to rock the billion-dollar party it will be staging in and around Beijing starting Feb. 4. The event already figures to be a thoroughly joyless affair because of strict COVID-19 protocols (understandable) and China's desire to clamp down on

any signs of dissent (reprehensible).

The IOC hinted that it's working behind the scenes to determine Peng's whereabouts, but forgive us for being a bit skeptical that the organization will even slightly buck the Chinese on any issue that might affect its bottom line.

"Experience shows that quiet diplomacy offers the best opportunity to find a solution for questions of such nature," the IOC said in a statement. "This explains why the IOC will not comment any further at this stage."

Translation: IOC President Thomas Bach - who has shown no signs of a vertebrae on any concerns over China's human rights record — hopes this issue will quietly fade away without his gilded group having to miss even one dinner party.

After all, the IOC already has declined to object to China's systematic persecution of Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities in the country, which some activists have labeled a genocide.

Instead, the Olympic bigwigs spout nonsense about not wanting to get involved in politics.

Others have been complicit in their silence, including major sponsors and the Monaco-based World Olympians Association, which claims to be a voice for more than 100,000 current and former Olympic athletes around

What does the group have to say about Peng, one of those athletes it supposedly works for "at all stages of their lives," according to its own

mission statement? "The WOA has decided not to issue a comment on Peng Shuai at the current time," it finally said Friday after repeated requests through the week.

If the IOC was truly concerned with anything other than the checks clearing, it would be threatening to strip the Winter Games from Beijing unless it, at the very least, allows Peng to speak for herself – without a government minder looking over her shoulder.

To be clear, it's too late in the game to take such drastic action.

Well, with just a few months notice, the IOC hastily postponed the 2020 Tokyo Summer Games for a year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. There's no reason the much-smaller Winter Games couldn't be pushed back to 2023 and be staged somewhere other than China – perhaps spread out over several countries that already have facilities in place.

The fact is, the IOC can do whatever

It seems content to do nothing. Showing far more backbone than the IOC, the leader of the WTA sent out a strong condemnation of China's actions. In light of China's harsh reaction when other sports figures, including those in the NBA, have criticized its human rights record, the statement from WTA chairman and CEO Steve Simon is sure to lead to serious financial recriminations for the women's tennis tour.

"Peng Shuai, and all women, deserve to be heard, not censored," Simon said. "We commend Peng Shuai for her remarkable courage and strength in coming forward."

The IOC should make a similar statement, but we won't hold out

Seriously, Mr. Bach, have you no spine?

COLLEGE FOOTBALL STORYLINES

Plenty to sort out down the stretch

By C.J. Doon | The Baltimore Sun

Rivalry week and conference championship games loom, but there's still plenty to sort out in college football. Here's what to watch this week, starting with a look at the race for No. 2:

Ohio State and Alabama fight to be Georgia's biggest **threat:** We might find out Saturday. No. 4 Ohio State hosts No. 7 Michigan State, while No. 2 Alabama hosts No. 21 Arkansas. Both the Buckeyes and Crimson Tide are favored by nearly three touchdowns, so comfortable wins are expected. But when it comes to impressing the playoff committee, style points matter.

After overcoming a slow start that included a loss to Oregon, Ohio State has played like the best team in the country outside of Athens, Georgia. With a dominant 59-31 win over Purdue, the Buckeyes have risen to No. 2 in ESPN's SP+ rankings, a tempo- and opponent-adjusted measure of efficiency. That includes the nation's No. 1 offense and a defense that has climbed to No. 14, making the Buckeyes perhaps the most complete team in the country. Georgia's offense has been effective behind quarterback Stetson Bennett IV, but Ohio State's C.J. Stroud has blossomed into one of the most efficient quarterbacks in the country.

Not to be outdone is Alabama quarterback Bryce Young. The sophomore has put up some of the best stats in the country, ranking fourth in Total QBR. When it comes to skill-position talent on offense, Alabama's combination of running back Brian Robinson Jr. and wide receivers Jameson Williams and John Metchie III trails only Ohio State's group of running back TreVeyon Henderson and wide receivers Garrett Wilson, Chris Olave and Jaxon Smith-Njigba.

Of course, all that talent might not be enough to score more than 14 points against Georgia. As effective as Alabama and Ohio State have been on offense, the Bulldogs have been even better on defense. When it comes to the playoff, it's a safe bet we'll see some combination of these three teams. Whether the Buckeyes and Crimson Tide have enough firepower remains a mystery.

Bearcats look to stay in the conversation: Say what you will about Cincinnati's strength of schedule, but the Bearcats can only play the teams in front of them. Unfortunately, the playoff committee has made it known time and again that it's not how you play, but who you play.

That makes Cincinnati's margin for error perilously thin. It's not enough to go undefeated against an American Athletic Conference schedule with a win over Notre Dame — the Bearcats need to look dominant while doing it. That's been a struggle of late, with close wins over Navy and Tulsa and a sloppy first half against South Florida raising doubts about Cincinnati's strength.

But the Bearcats have a chance to put some of those doubts to rest Saturday against SMU. The Mustangs might not be ranked, but they are 8-2 with one of the best offenses in the country. If Cincinnati can shut them down, that will go a long way toward bolstering what's likely to be an undefeated resume.

Duck hunt: It's Week 12, and Oregon is still in the playoff hunt — for now. There's still plenty of work to be done to

That starts with a potential Pac-12 championship game preview Saturday night against No. 23 Utah, which has quietly won six of its last seven games after a 1-2 start. While it's normally the defense doing most of the heavy lifting for the Utes, dual-threat quarterback Cameron Rising and the three-headed monster of running backs Tavion Thomas, TJ Pledger and Micah Bernard have formed one of the best offenses in the country.

There's a reason Utah is favored at home. Quarterback Anthony Brown and the Ducks have plenty of work ahead of them if they want to stay inside the top four heading into championship weekend. Even if Oregon wins out, Ohio State, Alabama, Cincinnati and maybe even Notre Dame might have a better claim come Selection Sunday.

Big 12 could be out of the playoff race: Oklahoma's loss to Baylor last weekend might have shut the Big 12 out of the playoff, but there's still some hope. It just might reside with the Sooners' in-state rival.

After a 24-21 loss to Iowa State, No. 9 Oklahoma State has won three straight by a margin of 142-23. Those wins came against conference bottom-feeders Kansas, West Virginia and TCU, but it shows just how dominant the Cowboys can be. They'll need to stay focused Saturday night against a suddenly resurgent Texas Tech team coming off a 41-38 upset of Iowa State.

Last week's 63-17 win over TCU might have been a breakthrough for the Cowboys' offense, which has struggled to reach its usual heights under coach Mike Gundy. Fortunately, the defense has been rock solid all season. This final stretch against Texas Tech and Oklahoma and a likely berth in the Big 12 championship game will determine if Oklahoma State is just a good team or a real playoff contender.

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Engineers traded an attic's worth of cargo capacity for the option of parallel parking on a tight urban block for the 2022 Ford Maverick Hybrid XLT and 2 L-EcoBoost AWD Lariat. FORD

DETROIT'S NEXT BIG IDEA

US auto industry is playing an old hit with tiny pickup trucks

By Kyle Stock and Keith Naughton Bloomberg News

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Trevor McKinnon decided to buy a new car slowly and then all at once.

In a matter of days. he had to call on his boyfriend's parents to shuttle a water heater and he read a review of the Maverick, a pint-size pickup truck the newest new thing from Ford Motor Co.

'I got on cars.com and saw that there was one Maverick for sale in all of Colorado Springs," he recalled. "I drove over there and bought it that

day. McKinnon, 26, doesn't ski or camp; he doesn't ply a trade or even drive off road. But he is a first-time homeowner and is thrilled to no longer ratchet-strap furniture to the roof of his 2018 Ford Focus. What's more, his "cactus gray" Maverick is just as efficient, consistently logging 28 miles per gallon of gasoline.

Having supersized its trucks and killed off many of its regular, car-shaped vehicles (including the Focus that McKinnon traded in), the U.S. auto industry is playing an old hit with tiny pickups. The same types of fuel-sipping work rigs that gained momentum in the Reagan era, after the gas crisis of the 1970s, are having a renaissance today, as young buyers fret over the climate crisis and confront piles of student debt.

Jim Baumbick, Ford's vice president of product line management, said

the company sees small trucks as "an untapped opportunity" — precious so-called white space in an auto industry jammed with SUVs of all shapes and sizes. Ford had been closely eyeing the market for starter vehicles. Baumbick said, and saw "a lot of competitors and a lot of customers" but not a lot of

"When you make a list of things you can do in a truck that you can't do in a car," he said, "the list gets really long."

In addition to Ford's Maverick, Hyundai recently launched the Santa Cruz, an even more modest rig that looks like a small sport utility vehicle with a hot tub bolted on the back. In developing the machine, which is being made in Alabama, Hyundai tacticians did more research in America than they have on nearly any vehicle, according to Gil Castillo, senior group manager of product strategy. They didn't find many disgruntled pickup drivers, but they did discover a large crowd of people driving compact crossover SUVs who yearned for more cargo space. These are the mountain bikers of San Francisco and Brooklyn's striped-bass fiends, the soccer dads and ski moms of the suburbs and the DIY, HGTV fans all over America.

"We don't really think of our vehicle as a pickup truck," Castillo explained. "When you look at the size of the compact SUV market ... we realized it wouldn't take that many people interested in a



Hyundai has introduced the Santa Cruz, a vehicle the car company has dubbed a "Sport Adventure Vehicle." HYUNDAI

solution like the Santa Cruz to reach some signif-

icant sales." Forecaster LMC Automotive sees the compactpickup market in the U.S. growing to as many as 200,000 vehicles a year by mid-decade. It also expects Toyota will get back in the tiny-truck game, and possibly General Motors. GM declined to comment.

"This is a segment that has legs," said Jeff Schuster, senior vice president of forecasting at LMC. "Millennials are interested in the utility of a pickup and the flexibility of having that open bed, whether you're using it as a lifestyle truck or making trips to the hardware store."

Chris Cuellar, a computer scientist in Albuquerque, New Mexico, just bought a nearly fully loaded \$39,000 Maverick in a blue-

gray color called "Area 51 Blue" to add to his family fleet, which also includes a Ford Focus compact car and a Honda Odyssey mini-

"If you would have asked me two years ago if I'd ever own a truck, I would have told you you're crazy," Cuellar said. "But then as life catches up, you're a homeowner, you start having to do yard work, you need to make a Home Depot run and you realize your Ford Focus isn't cutting it anymore." The major selling point: the Maverick can fit all three of his kids' car seats.

Matt Meredith's YouTube videos about customizing his new Maverick have garnered 60,000 views in the past two weeks. The attention helps drum up ad revenue and business for Meredith's company, Bullseye Custom Autos. The Air Force veteran spends much of his time tuning his two F-150s for the racetrack, but the Maverick has taken over his day-to-day driving: hauling headlights and other gear to trade shows and serving as a loaner for clients. Last year, Meredith logged 46,000 miles in his bigger Ford pickups, so he expects his fuel savings to be significant.

"I've beaten the ever-loving crap out of it and I'm still averaging well more than 23 miles per gallon," he said. "It's extremely useful."

Maverick engineers traded an attic's worth of cargo capacity for the option of parallel parking on a tight urban block — it's almost 3 feet shorter than its full-sized sibling. They swapped jumbo-jet towing

stunts for a hybrid engine that goes up to 42 miles on a gallon. And they nixed the go-anywhere chassis of the F-150 for the unibody frame of its small Escape SUV, a far smoother ride on a paved road. The dashboard is a cheap composite, but Apple CarPlay is standard.

The decisions let the carmaker engineer a modest window sticker, with a starting price under \$20,000. "Entry level does not mean cheap. It means affordable," said Baumbick. The Maverick is built in Mexico, where worker pay is a fraction of what Ford's U.S. employees make.

Hyundai's Santa Cruz, meanwhile, is even more diminutive, 4 inches shorter and nearly 3 inches narrower. The rig, which starts just shy of \$24,000, is dubbed a "Sport Adventure Vehicle" by the suits in South Korea. Unlike the Ford's boxy build, it's a suite of sinuous curves. akin to a contemporary SUV with a chunk chopped out of the rear.

"We couldn't just design something that looked like a traditional truck but smaller," Castillo said. Getting the look and capabilities right was tricky, but Hyundai did have a playbook of sorts.

Launching a smaller, cheaper vehicle is a fraught exercise. The risk is that it will lure buyers who would otherwise have bought the bigger, more profitable machine.

For now, the Maverick and Santa Cruz have the budding market to themselves. "There's always that risk when you're trying to develop something that isn't quite here and isn't quite there," Castillo said. "But it seems like the market's getting it."

Rivian rockets past GM to become nation's 2nd most valuable carmaker



ANN-SOPHIE FJELLO-JENSEN/AP IMAGES FOR RIVIAN

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Rivian Automotive, a company that has delivered about 150 electric pickup trucks mostly to employees, has surpassed General Motors to become the nation's second most valuable auto-

The California company's market valuation exceeded Ford's in its first day a public company Nov.10. Its shares rose 10% at the opening bell Nov. 11

pushing its valuation over \$90 billion. That's greater than Detroit's GM, one of the biggest auto manufacturers in the world, which sold more than 6.8 million vehicles globally last year.

Rivian's goal this year is to produce 1,000 electric vehicles

The company rolled out its first vehicle, the R1T electric truck, in September and plans to launch its electric SUV, the R1S, in

December. Ford is one of Rivian's high-profile backers, having invested a half-billion dollars into the company in 2019. The other is Amazon, which held a 20% stake in Rivian ahead of the initial public offering.

Rather than focusing on the number of vehicles it has sold, investors are anticipating vast potential for Rivian with the appetite growing for electric vehi-

And Rivian's soaring stock price pulled almost all companies in the EV

sector higher recently. Lordstown Motors Corp. jumped 11%, Nikola Corp. 3%, Fisker Inc. more than 8% and China's Nio Inc.

rose 4%. Shares of Tesla, the

world leader in electric vehicle sales, were up less than 1% recently. After making a promise on Twitter, Tesla CEO Elon Musk sold about 4.5 million shares of the electric carmaker's stock for more than \$5 billion, according to recent regulatory filings.



The 2021 Jaguar F-Pace SVR packs a punch. JAGUAR

REVIEW

Jaguar F-Pace a fine feline

By Larry Printz Tribune News Service

CHICHESTER, England — For classic car fans, vintage race events are a rare treat: the chance to see old sports or race

cars traveling on a track. There are many in the U.S., including my favorite, the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, held in July. But they pale in comparison with the Goodwood Revival, a celebration of sports and race cars from 1948 through 1966 held in September at the Goodwood Motor Circuit in Chichester, West Sussex,

England. Where Goodwood differs is its immersive time-traveling atmosphere. The track looks much like it did when it opened in 1948. So do the people, who dress in period-correct attire. Men wear ascots, flat caps and odd jackets. Women bob their hair in a fashion that would do the Andrews sisters proud. Movies, music, activities: it's all like a step back in time, perfectly accompanying the races themselves, which are blasts from the past.

Having decided to attend this year, I sought an automobile befitting the occasion: the Jaguar F-Pace SVR, the highperformance variant of Jaguar's most popular vehicle, modified by the company's Special Vehicle Operations.

2022 Jaguar F-Pace SVR

Base price: \$86,600

Engine: 5.0-liter DOHC Supercharged V-8 Horsepower/Torque: 550/516 pound-feet of torque EPA fuel economy (city/ highway): 15/21 mpg Length/Width/Height: 187.5/65.7/81.5 inches **Ground clearance:** 8.58 inches Cargo capacity: 28-65 cubic feet Payload: 1,170 pounds Roof load: 165 pound maximum Towing capacity: 5,291 pounds

At first glance, driving something so modern to a vintage event may seem like heresy. A 1962 Jaguar E-Type seems more appropriate. But aside from my friend Jed, who lives in the states, I knew of no one who had an E-Type to lend. But Jaguar would lend me an F-Pace SVR.

So, I arrived in London and got to my hotel only to discover that they had decided to provide a left hand drive F-Pace SVR, figuring I would be more comfortable driving it. Except I was driving on the left hand side of the road. It took a few minutes to adjust as I left the resplendent Rosewood Hotel in London.

That said, nothing prepares you for English country roads that take

you there. Built at a time when King Henry the Eighth was going through wives, they are barely wide enough to fit two Austin Maestros side-by-side, let alone modern SUVs. And because my driver's seat is on the left side of the car, every bend in the road is a blind one.

Even if my confidence was unnerved by the thoroughfares, the Jaguar F-Pace SVR compensated nicely.

This compact luxury SUV packs the punch that makes the most of England's twisting, turning, trying lanes. And Jaguar has carried out incremental tweaks to the steering, brakes, transmission and other components to improve the F-Pace SVR's already incredible performance.

This makes the SVR's ride compliance welcome, particularly since it doesn't come at the expense of its impressive athleticism. It adroitly soaks up the rough stuff and resists body roll in corners, all the while maintaining passenger ride comfort. It's so Jaguar.

The 2022 Jaguar F-Pace SVR proves to be one fast, fine feline. Just like the finest Jaguars ever built. the F-Pace SVR combines a cabin worthy of royalty, blistering speed and agility, and enough cargo space for a week in the country.

Or as Jaguar once advertised, "grace, pace and space.

Downhill downshift with no brakes shouldn't be problem



Bob Weber Motormouth

Q: I have a 2018 Toyota Avalon with the six-speed automatic transmission. When descending grades, I usually downshift and coast downhill without using the brakes. Do you recommend this practice? - B.Z., Pittsfield, Massachusetts

A: There should be no problem. Many vehicles with electronically controlled transmissions and cruise control will automatically downshift in order to keep the car's speed close to the selected setting.

Q: I'd appreciate your thoughts on an intermittent problem with my 2007 Ford Mustang GT. When I put my key in the ignition and turn it to start the car, there is no noise and all normal indicator dash lights show but it won't start. Then I turn the key back off, turn it back on again with my foot on the brake, push the button on the shifter and it allows me to move the shifter to neutral and then it will start in neutral, allowing me to change the gear to reverse or any other gear position. There are no problems till it does the same thing again every couple of days and I go through the same process. Any idea what's doing this? L.M., Pompano Beach, Florida

A: It sounds like the neutral safety switch on your Mustang may be failing. The switch is usually located on the side of the transmission and is not difficult to replace.



Many vehicles with electronically controlled transmissions and cruise control will automatically downshift to keep the car's speed close to the selected setting. DREAMSTIME

Q: I recently took my 2008 Chrysler Aspen in for a winter oil change and servicing. While the car was there, they called and informed me I needed my ball joints replaced as mine were loose. I have not been experiencing any signs associated with needing to have them replaced. We didn't realize they even checked them when doing the oil change/ servicing. My husband is very concerned that they don't need replacing and that the dealership is looking for extra money. I did ask on the phone about the cost and was quoted \$500, but when arriving to pick up my car, they had \$785 on my ticket. Should we get a second opinion and how do we go about it as we don't want to suggest they need changing if they don't? Another servicer might just say yes to get our business.

– K.G., Albert Lea,

Minnesota

A: Indications that there are problems with ball joints include uneven tire wear, clunking or squeaking noises, drifting to the side and loose or shaky steering. Do you have any of these? If not, I suggest getting a second opinion. Ask for a demonstration. With the wheels off the ground, there should be no play when the free wheel is wiggled back and forth by hand.

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Anchorage

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High pressure over New Jersey will bring mostly sunny skies on Saturday, but there will be some afternoon clouds arriving in the western sky. It will be cooler than normal with highs in the 40s. It will become mostly cloudy overnight. Sunday will be mostly cloudy and more comfortable as high temperatures climb into the 50s. A few late day showers are possible in western portions of the state. Periods of rain are likely Sunday night and Monday morning. Temperatures will be very cool Tuesday and Wednesday, then a little moderation is expected for Thanksgiving Day.

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Stamford

Madison

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-Gary Lessor

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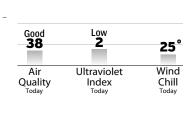
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Air Quality Forecast For Today



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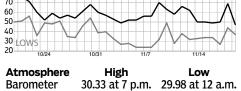
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PATRIOTS

Primed for another run at playoffs

Associated Press

Here come the Patriots. After one season of irrelevance after Tom Brady decamped for Tampa Bay, the six-time Super Bowl champions are back in the conversation for an AFC East title - or perhaps more, in a conference with no dominant team.

The Pats have won five in a row behind rookie quarterback Mac Jones and a defense that has given him room to grow into the job that Brady

held down for two decades. "You understand they're making a lot of stops, and eventually those guys will get a turnover like they always do," Jones said after the Patriots beat the Falcons 25-0 on Thursday night.

"We have a lot of veteran guys on that defense, and I've gone against them a ton in practice and they're not a easy defense to go against. They do a great job and I hope they can continue to play like that, and we can step it up for them so we can get more points on the board."

Jones completed 22 of 26 passes - none of them longer than 20 yards — for 207 yards. He also had an interception and was sacked three times for an offense that faced more competition from the New England defense (one touchdown) and special teams (four field goals).

Since giving up a 7-0 lead on the opening drive of a Nov. 14 victory over Cleveland, the Patriots have scored 70 unanswered points.

"I don't want to brag too much, but I feel like we have one of the best defenses in the league," said cornerback J.C. Jackson, who had his sixth interception of the year. "We've got a good pass rush and guys up front that are doing good this season. The secondary has always been pretty good and we are starting to build chemistry."

The defense has allowed 13 points in the last three games, a total of 50 during the fivegame winning streak and iust 177 in all — an average of 16.1 points per game that is second-best in the league to AFC East-rival Buffalo.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Frazier's tenure with Yankees likely ends

Dew point

Associated Press

Clint Frazier's tenure with the Yankees may have ended after five unfulfilling seasons when New York designated him for assignment on Friday to open a roster spot for a prospect ahead of the winter meeting draft.

Frazier can be claimed by league service.

Infielders Rougned Odor

designated for assignment. Now 27, Frazier was the

fifth pick overall in the 2013 amateur draft by Cleveland and was a prized prospect when he was acquired by the Yankees in the July 2016 trade that sent reliever Andrew Miller to the Indi-

New York also traded right-hander Nick Nelson to the Philadelphia Phillies along with minor league catcher Donny Sands for minor league infielder T.J. Joel Valdez. The Yankees selected the contracts of right-handers Stephen Ridings and Ron Marinacci, infielder Oswaldo Cabrera, and left-hander JP Sears to

24° at 7 p.m.

Red Sox protec-

Friday was the deadline for teams to protect draft-eligible minor leaguers those with either four (if signed at 19 or older) or five (18 or younger) seasons of experience — from being chosen by placing them on

included in this story.

Thursday's late high school results

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BOYS SOCCER

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CCC Tier 1
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CROMWELL/PORTLAND 14, STAFFORD/ EAST WINDSOR/SOMERS 6 S (5-4); 0; 6; 0; 0; -; 6 C (9-0); 0; 7; 0; 7; -; 14

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TORRINGTON 50, WOLCOTT 6 NEW LONDON AT WILBUR CROSS, LATE **POMPERAUG AT WILTON, LATE**

Saturday's high school schedule FOOTBALL

CCC Tier 1: Conard at Hall, 1:30p.m. CCC Tier 3: Enfield at South Windsor

Pequot Inter: Windsor Locks/Suffield/ East Granby at CREC co-op, 11a.m.

CTC: O'Brien Tech at Bullard-Havens/ Kolbe Academy, noon; Abbott Tech/ Immaculate at Thames River, 1:30p.m. ECC Div. II: Windham at Bacon Academy, 11a.m.

Others: Glastonbury at Xavier, 1:30p.m. CIAC STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BOYS SOCCER

ALL FINALS AT DILLON STADIUM, HARTFORD

No. 12Ellington (14-4-2) vs. No. 3Ston-

No. 13Cheshire (12-4-2) vs. No. 7Farmington (16-3-1), 6:30p.m. ington (18-1), 11a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

ALL FINALS AT DILLON STADIUM,

HARTFORD No. 10Wilton (12-1-6) vs. No. 9Staples (13-2-4), 4p.m.

No. 4Mercy (16-2-2) vs. No. 3Sacred Heart Academy, 1:30p.m.

No. 11Wilton (12-3-4) vs. No. 1New

No. 4North Branford (15-2) vs. No. 2 Stonington (17-2), 2p.m.

Greenwich (22-1), 7p.m. Class I

(21-1), 4p.m. Class M No. 2Seymour (21-0) vs. No. 1Weston (23-0), 1p.m.

No. 8Coventry (18-6) vs. No. 3Lyman Memorial (19-2), 10a.m.

ALL FINALS AT DILLON STADIUM, **HARTFORD**

Class L No. 14Fitch (14-5) vs. No. 12Wethersfield (14-3-3), 1:30p.m

No. 8Canton (16-4) vs. No. 2Old Saybrook (17-0-2), 6:30p.m.

ALL FINALS AT DILLON STADIUM. HARTFORD

No. 24Northwest Catholic (10-8-2) vs. No. 2Holy Cross (16-2-1), 11a.m.

CIAC State Open at Cornerstone Aquatic, West Hartford, noon

Thursday's late college result

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HOUSTON BAPTIST 81, HARTFORD 56

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FOOTBALL

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Friday's high school results

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FIELD HOCKEY **ALL FINALS AT WETHERSFIELD HIGH**

Canaan (19-0), noon Class M No. 2Wethersfield (18-1) vs. No. 1Guilford (18-1), 10a.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

ALL FINALS AT EAST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL No. 12Fairfield Ludlowe (18-5) vs. No. 2

No. 11Simsbury (18-5) vs. No. 1RHAM

Sunday's high school schedule CIAC STATE TOURNAMENTS

GIRLS SOCCER

No. 10Simsbury (12-2-6) vs. No. 1St. Joseph (18-0-1), 4p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Friday's college results WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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MAAC **Tournament**—Quarterfinals

(Loudonville, N.Y.)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

VERMONT 61, YALE 53 AJ Buchanan Classic (Purchase, N.Y.) KEAN 76, TRINITY 69

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WESLEYAN 72, HARTWICK 56
ALBERTUS MAGNUS VS. SAGE, LATE MAAC/ASUN Challenge (Lake Buena

Vista, Fla.)
FAIRFIELD 59, STETSON 50 MEN'S HOCKEY
TRINITY AT CONN. COLLEGE, LATE
WESLEYAN AT TUFTS, LATE YALE AT COLGATE, LATE CLARKSON AT QUINNIPIAC, LATE SACRED HEART AT AIR FORCE, LATE WOMEN'S HOCKEY
PROVIDENCE 3, UCONN 3 (OT)
YALE 4, ST. LAWRENCE 4 (OT)

QUINNIPIAC 4, CORNELL 0 BOWDOIN AT WESLEYAN, LATE SACRED HEART AT ST. MICHAEL'S, LATE Saturday's college schedule FOOTBALL

St. Francis (Pa.) at Central, noon Harvard at Yale, noon Sacred Heart at LIU, noon UConn at Central Florida, 4p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER NCAA Div. III Tournament - Third Round (Cambridge, Mass.)

Wesleyan vs. Johns Hopkins, 11a.m. FIELD HOCKEY

NCAA Div. III Tournament-Semifinals (Trinity, Hartford) Middlebury vs. Rowan, 11a.m.

Johns Hopkins vs. Trinity, 2p.m. WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL MAAC Tournament - Semifinals (Loudonville, N.Y.) Canisius vs. Fairfield, 4p.m. Quinnipiac/Marist winner vs. Rider,

Sacred Heart vs. Bryant, 3p.m. MEN'S SWIMMING

NEC Tournament-Final (Smithfield.

Eastern at Plymouth State, 1p.m.

Trinity at Babson, 2p.m. Bates, Wheaton at Wesleyan, 2p.m.

UConn at Bucknell, 10a.m. Eastern at Plymouth State, 1p.m. Trinity at Babson, 2p.m. Bates, Wheaton at Wesleyan, 2p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Binghamton at UConn (XL Center), Central at Quinnipiac, 1p.m. Eastern at Worcester State, 1p.m. Tufts at St. Joseph, 2p.m. Fairfield at Sacred Heart, 8p.m. AJ Buchanan Classic (Purchase, N.Y.) Manhattanville/Brooklyn vs. Trinity, 2/4 p.m. Herb Kenny Tournament (Middletown)

Pratt Institute at Wesleyan, 5:30p.m.

Mitchell vs. WPI, 7:30p.m. **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Trinity at Eastern, 3p.m. Hartford at Sam Houston State, 4p.m. Indiana at Quinnipiac, 4p.m. Battle 4Atlantis (Paradise Island, Bahamas) Minnesota vs. UConn, noon

Courtyard by Marriott Tournament Albertus Magnus vs. Hartwick, 12:30 Sage at Wesleyan, 2:30p.m. MAAC/ASUN Challenge (Lake Buena

Vista, Fla.) Florida Gulf Coast vs. Fairfield, noon MEN'S HOCKEY Wesleyan at Conn. College, 3p.m. UConn at UMass Lowell, 3:30p.m. Trinity at Tufts, 4p.m. Yale at Cornell, 7p.m.
St. Lawrence at Quinnipiac, 7p.m.
Sacred Heart at Air Force, 7p.m. WOMEN'S HOCKEY UConn at Northeastern, 1:30p.m.

Trinity at Norwich, 3p.m

Bowdoin at Wesleyan, 3p.m.

Yale at Clarkson, 3p.m. Quinnipiac at Colgate, 3p.m.

Sacred Heart at St. Michael's, 4p.m. WRESTLING Trinity, Wesleyan at Doug Parker Invitational (Springfield, Mass.), 10a.m. MEN'S SQUASH

Trinity at MIT, 2p.m. WOMEN'S SQUASH Wesleyan at Mount Holyoke, noon Sunday's college schedule

FIELD HOCKEY NCAA Div. III Tournament-Final (Trinity, Hartford) Middlebury/Rowan winner vs. Johns Hopkins/Trinity winner, 1p.m.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL MAAC Tournament-Final (Loudonville, N.Y.) TBA vs. TBA, 4p.m.

MEN'S SWIMMING Colby, Hamilton at Trinity, 1p.m.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

UConn at Bucknell, 10a.m. Colby, Hamilton at Trinity, 1p.m.

Herb Kenny Tournament (Middletown)

Consolation Game, 12:30p.m. Championship Game, 2:30p.m. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Louisville City at Tampa Bay, 7:30p.m. San Antonio at Orange County, 10p.m.

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It's time to brine

Why you need to use dry technique on turkey, chicken



James P. DeWan Prep School

If you've ever sought out how to cook a Thanksgiving turkey or weeknight roast chicken, odds are you've heard the phrase brining. Brining, for you visitors to our fair planet, is the process of applying salt to meat, poultry or fish — in advance of cooking — for the purpose of improving its flavor, texture and juiciness. Today, because Thanksgiving is rearing its lovely head, we'll limit our discussion of the topic to turkey and its fellow winged beast, chicken.

When brining, salt generally is applied in one of two ways: It can be sprinkled directly over the surface of the item in what's called a dry brine, or it can be dissolved in water to create a wet brine.

Before you dive into brining, there is one thing to note. Some brands, like Butterball turkeys and kosher poultry, come already treated with a salt solution. Therefore, there's no need to brine at home — you'll just end up with an overseasoned bird. Check the packaging before you buy and brine

What is a wet brine?

First, let's talk about that wet brine. A rule of thumb is to add about ¼ cup Kosher salt per quart of water. Brining can take anywhere from an hour to a whole day, depending on the size of the item we're cooking. The salt in the brine acts on the proteins in the meat in such a way that the meat becomes more tender.

Moreover, as you would expect, soaking something in salt water is going to make it wetter and saltier. That means that, along with that increased tenderness, brined items come out juicy and nicely seasoned. Who can argue with that?

Problem with wet brining

Believe it or not, there are some issues with a wet brine.

First off, adding water to the meat can dilute its flavor — not much,



Try using a dry brine when making roast chicken for weeknight dinners. **KRISTEN MEDIOLA/DAILY MEAL; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING**

mind you, but it's a result you might not appreciate with your already mildly flavored turkey.

For me, though, the real problem is that container of brine. It's not a big deal if you're just doing a couple pork chops or chicken breasts. However, once you start brining something as large as a turkey, it becomes problematic.

Consider the size and shape of the vessel needed to brine a whole turkey and ask yourself how you're going to keep it cold overnight.

On top of that, remember you're soaking raw poultry, and when you dump that brine down the drain, that icky poultry water is going to slosh all over your kitchen, contaminating it in the process. (As an aside, that's why you should never rinse your poultry in the sink — all the splashing flings those salmonella-laden droplets around the kitchen.)

Between the watered-down flavor, the struggles of finding a vessel and place to store a big bird as it soaks and the danger of bacteria showers, you should consider a dry brine.

What is a dry brine?

Dry brines work the same way as wet brines, only without the added water. Here's all you do: Sprinkle the surface of the meat with Kosher salt and let it sit in the fridge for several hours or overnight. The ratio is generally about ½ teaspoon of kosher salt per pound of meat.

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The salt draws water from the meat. That water dissolves the salt, creating a brine. That brine then gets reabsorbed into the meat, just like a wet brine. Finally, the salt tenderizes and seasons the meat. While studies have shown that dry-brined meats aren't quite as juicy as wet-brined, any brining makes meat juicier than no brining at all.

Now, remember, the idea is never to expect perfection on your first try, or even your first few tries. If you're planning on brining your Thanksgiving turkey, go with a dry brine for the reasons listed above. But first, practice your dry brine technique with roast chicken for weeknight dinners. That way, when Thanksgiving comes, you'll already be a couple steps ahead.

Dry-brined, roasted, spatchcocked chicken with herbed pan sauce

Prep time: 15 minutes **Brining time:** Up to 24 hours

Makes: 4 to 8 servings 13- to 4-pound roasting chicken 2 teaspoons kosher salt, plus more as needed Unsalted herb mix, such as

Cooking time: 40 minutes

za'atar or lemon pepper as needed (optional) Pan spray as needed Herbed pan sauce, as needed (see recipe) 1. To spatchcock chicken:

Using kitchen shears or chef knife, remove backbone and reserve. Flip chicken onto breast side and spread two sides to expose breast bone. With a chef knife, make a small slit at the top of the breast bone to free from its membrane. Use fingers to pull bone free.

2. Sprinkle chicken evenly with 1 teaspoon salt. Flip chicken onto sheet pan or large platter and sprinkle evenly with 1 more teaspoon salt. Refrigerate chicken, uncovered, overnight, up to 24 hours.

3. To roast, remove chicken from refrigerator and place on a foil-covered sheet pan, skin-side up. Do not rinse. Tuck wing tips back under chicken breasts to secure. Sprinkle with optional herb mix and spray lightly with pan spray. Roast in a preheated 425-degree oven to an internal temperature of 165 degrees, about 35-45

4. Remove chicken to a cutting board. Pour liquid fat off the roasting pan and discard. Using a rubber spatula, scrape up coagulated juices, taste for saltiness and reserve for

minutes.

pan sauce. **5. Carve** chicken into serving pieces and serve immediately with sauce.

Herbed pan sauce

Reserve bone.

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 30 minutes
Makes: About 2 cups
2 tablespoons oil
1 chicken backbone, cut
into 1-inch pieces
1 chicken keel bone, cut into
2 or 3 pieces
2 tablespoons small diced

onion 1 tablespoon small diced

carrot 1 tablespoon small diced celerv

2 ½ tablespoons flour 2 cups canned chicken broth or homemade stock 1 bay leaf 1 tablespoon minced fresh herbs or 1 teaspoon dried

thyme, herbs du Provence,

za'atar or herbs of your choice Scraped, coagulated juices from roast chicken

(optional)
1-2 tablespoons whole butter

Note: Begin the sauce when the chicken goes in the oven. Coagulated juices from the pan add flavor and richness to sauce. Just taste before adding to determine saltiness.

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1. Heat 2 tablespoons of oil to nearly smoking in a small, heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium-

high heat. Add reserved

backbone and keel bone pieces. Sear, stirring occasionally, until brown, about 1-2 minutes. **2. Add** 2 tablespoons diced

2. Add 2 tablespoons diced onion, 1 tablespoon diced carrot and 1 tablespoon diced celery and sauté until lightly browned, about 5 minutes.

minutes. **3. Sprinkle** 2 ½

tablespoons flour over bones and vegetables and stir to combine. Cook until mixture starts to darken, about 3-5 minutes.

4. Whisk in 2 cups chicken broth, add 1 bay leaf and 1 tablespoon herbs, bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer slowly until starchy taste disappears, about 20 minutes.

5. Taste chicken pan juices for saltiness. (The juices may be fairly salty because of the brine.) Depending on saltiness of juices, stir all or part into simmering sauce and simmer to combine flavors, about 3-5 minutes. 6. Pass sauce through a fine mesh strainer into a clean pan and discard solids. Return to heat just long enough to return to a simmer, then remove from heat and whisk in whole butter. Taste again for

seasoning and add salt as

needed. Serve immediately

with roast chicken.



Instant Pot wisdom

Tips for getting the most out of your electric pressure cooker

By Melissa Clark The New York Times

hen I first wrote about Instant Pots back in 2017, it was with the ardor of new love. I had fallen hard for my first electric pressure cooker, delighting in the myriad ways it could improve my kitchen life. All those weeknight meals of dried beans and silky braised meats, the speedy brown rice, the endless flow of soups and homemade stock changed how I cooked in a fundamental way.

The question was, would the habit stick? Or would my Instant Pot end up like so many panini presses and sous vide wands on a shelf in the basement, fuzzy with dust?

I'm happy to report that, nearly five years in, it has remained an integrated and well-used kitchen tool. After hundreds of meals, I have learned a few very valuable lessons, whether getting the smell out of the sealing ring or troubleshooting the dreaded burn message.

Here are my best practices and tips for getting the most out of your Instant Pot:

Play to its strengths

The most important thing I have learned is to stick to what the Instant Pot does well. Any dish that traditionally needs long, slow cooking in a moist environment will turn soft and succulent a lot faster in an electric pressure cooker.

Tough cuts of meat become incomparably tender and silky. Pork shoulder — stewed with wine, herbs, root vegetables and olives or capers for brightness — becomes a staple as soon as the weather turns cool. I especially love the Instant Pot for making chickpeas from scratch, which taste about a million times better than canned. And I haven't made risotto or rice pudding on the stove since taking the Instant Pot out of its box. Why mess with perfection?

Lock that lid

It's bound to happen at some point: You have filled your Instant Pot, set the pressure to high, then opened the lid to find dinner only half cooked. What went wrong?

The sealing ring may be slightly askew. Before cooking, make sure the ring is pressed down all the way around the inside cover of the pot. Then after the machine starts counting down, check that the pressure indicator at the top is firmly in its locked position (I poke it with a chopstick).

Avoid dreaded 'burn'

Your electric pressure cooker can't tell the difference between the tasty, caramelized bits that stick to the pot after you brown your ingredients (sometimes known as the fond) and food that is smoldering to a crisp. And that is a common reason the burn



Instant Pot pork stew with red wine and olives

Pork shoulder is one of the most glorious things to cook in an electric pressure cooker. The meat becomes velvety and suffused with rich, brawny juices. Here, red wine. tomatoes, rosemary and sage perfume the pork, while olives, stirred in at the end, give it brightness. This stew is even better cooked a day or two ahead, giving the flavors time to meld. Making it in advance also gives the fat a chance to solidify, so it's easy to remove before reheating. Then, if you like, you can reheat the stew in the electric pressure cooker using the sauté setting. Serve this over polenta or rice, or with bread to soak up the meaty sauce.

Makes: 4 to 6 servings Total time: 1 ½ hours 2 pounds pork shoulder or pork stew meat, cut into 2-inch chunks

11/2 teaspoons kosher salt (Diamond Crystal), plus more as needed

3/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more as needed

6 garlic cloves, grated, passed through a press or crushed into a paste

1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary

1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage Large pinch of red-pepper flakes 1 teaspoon coriander seeds

Olive oil 1/2 cup dry red wine

1 (15-ounce) can whole peeled plum tomatoes 2 medium carrots, sliced 1/2-inch thick (about 1 cup)

1/2 cup pitted and torn green olives, such as Castelvetrano

Chopped parsley or basil, for serving

1. Season the pork all over with the salt and pepper. In a large bowl, combine the pork, garlic, rosemary, sage and red-pepper flakes.

2. In a small dry skillet, toast the coriander seeds until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer to a mortar and pestle and coarsely crush (or do this on a cutting board with the side of a heavy knife). Add crushed seeds to the pork and toss well. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or overnight.

3. Set the pressure cooker to the sauté function on medium. Add 1 tablespoon oil and let it get hot for a few seconds, then add enough pork chunks to fit comfortably in one layer with a little space around each piece. Let brown for 2 to 3 minutes per side, then transfer the cubes to a plate. Add a little more oil if the pot looks dry and continue browning the rest of the

pork. 4. Add the wine to the pot and let simmer, scraping the browned bits from the bottom, until it reduces by half, about 2 minutes. Using kitchen shears or your hands, break the tomatoes into pieces and add them, along with their liquid, to the pot. Return pork to the pot, stir in carrots and 1/2 cup water.

5. Seal the pot and cook on high pressure for 45 minutes. Let the pressure release naturally. 6. Using a slotted spoon, transfer pork to a serving platter. Use a fat separator to separate the fat from the juices, or just spoon the fat off the top. (There may be a lot of fat.) If the sauce seems thin, use the sauté function to simmer it until it thickens. Stir in olives, then

7. Spoon the sauce over the pork, then top with chopped parsley or basil and serve.

taste the sauce and add more salt, if you like.

message appears.

If you have seared your ingredients using the sauté function, add some liquid to the pot, bring it to a simmer, then scrape up all those browned bits thoroughly before locking the lid.

It's also important to use enough liquid — at least a half cup - even if the recipe doesn't direct you to. Older Instant Pot recipes, my own included, might have been tested on earlier models of the appliance, which had a less sensitive burn sensor. These recipes might not call for that much liquid because the old models didn't need it.

If the burn message does come on midway through cooking, don't panic. Simply release the pressure, open the pot and give everything a big stir, scraping up anything stuck to the bottom. If

the pot looks dry, add a few tablespoons of water or other liquid. Then reseal the pot and continue cooking.

Salt your beans

Cooking dried beans from scratch on any given weeknight is a triumph of the electric pressure cooker. To get the best flavor, add salt at the beginning. Cooking beans in salted water helps flavor them evenly.

Mind your temperatures

The colder the ingredients are when they go into your pot, the longer it will take to reach pressure. (Say, for example, you are using a block of frozen

broth dumped in from a quart container, my mainstay.) Defrosting liquids in the microwave can speed things up. Or if you are adding water and have an electric kettle, you can heat the water while prepping your other ingredients.

Clean smelly seal

The easiest way I have found to get rid of that lingering, slightly sulfurous scent that clings to the sealing ring is making a paste made from baking soda and white vinegar. Spread it all over the ring, and let it sit in the sink for an hour or so (or overnight for really tough cases). Then throw the whole thing into your dishwasher. I do this along with all my other dishes, and everything comes out sparkling.

Instant Pot tomato-braised chickpeas with tahini

If you are starting with soaked and drained chickpeas, reduce the water to about 1 ½ cups — just enough to cover them — then cook on high pressure for 13 minutes instead of 35.

Makes: 6 servings Total time: 1 1/2 hours For the chickpeas:

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil 1 large red onion, thinly sliced 2 ¼ teaspoons fine sea salt, plus more as needed

4 garlic cloves, grated, passed through a press or minced 1 (15-ounce) can whole peeled tomatoes, or diced tomatoes 1 (2-inch) cinnamon stick, or ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon 1 bay leaf

(about 2 cups) 3/4 teaspoon ground cumin ¼ teaspoon ground turmeric ½ cup chopped cilantro, mint or

1 pound dried chickpeas

parsley, plus more for garnish For the tahini sauce: 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice, plus more to taste

paste ¼ teaspoon fine sea salt, plus more to taste ¼ cup tahini

1 garlic clove, finely grated, passed through a press or crushed to a

¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil 1. Using the sauté function set

on medium, heat oil in the pressure cooker pot. Add the sliced onions and 1/4 teaspoon of salt, and cook, stirring frequently, until the onions are lightly golden brown, 10 to 12 minutes.

2. Stir in garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Using kitchen shears or your hands, break the tomatoes into pieces and add them, along with their liquid, to the pot. (If using diced tomatoes, just add them to the pot.) Stir in cinnamon stick and bay leaf, scraping any browned bits from the bottom of the pot, and simmer until sauce has thickened slightly, 2 to 3 minutes.

3. Stir in chickpeas, cumin, turmeric, remaining 2 teaspoons salt and 4 cups water. (The water should cover the chickpeas by about an inch; if not, add a little more water.) Cover and cook at high pressure for 35 minutes. Let the pressure release naturally for at least 20 minutes. Release any remaining pressure.

4. While the chickpeas cook, make the tahini sauce: Combine lemon juice, garlic and salt in a mixing bowl. Whisk in tahini, then whisk in oil, a few drops at a time, until emulsified. Whisk in enough ice water to make a thin, pourable sauce. Taste and add more lemon juice, if needed.

5. Stir chopped cilantro into braised chickpeas and taste, adding more salt, if you'd like. To serve, garnish bowlfuls with a big drizzle of tahini sauce and more cilantro.

Instant Pot rice pudding

Adding a vanilla bean lends deeply aromatic notes, but if you don't have one, just stir 1 tablespoon vanilla extract into the pudding along with the egg yolks. Or skip the vanilla and add a teaspoon of whole cardamom pods to the pot to round out the spicy flavor of the cinnamon.

Makes: 4 to 6 servings Total time: 30 minutes, plus chilling 3/4 cup arborio or other short-grain

2 1/2 cups whole milk ⅓ cup sugar

(optional)

1 (2-inch) cinnamon stick 1 (4-inch) strip orange or lemon zest, peeled with a vegetable peeler

½ vanilla bean, halved lengthwise, seeds scraped with the tip of a paring knife, or 1 tablespoon vanilla extract

Large pinch of fine sea salt 1/2 cup heavy cream 2 egg yolks

1/2 cup raisins (optional) Ground cinnamon or cardamom, for serving (optional) Whipped cream, for serving

(optional)

1. In the pressure cooker pot, stir together the rice, milk, sugar, cinnamon stick, orange zest (if using), vanilla bean and seeds, and

2. Lock the lid into place and cook on high pressure for 10 minutes. Let the pressure release naturally for 10 minutes, then manually release the remaining pressure.

3. Open the lid and discard the cinnamon stick, orange zest and vanilla bean.

4. In a small bowl, whisk together the cream and yolks. Whisk into the rice and continue to stir until slightly thickened, about 2 minutes. (It will still look soupy at this point.) The residual heat of the rice will cook the yolks, and chilling will thicken the pudding. Stir in the raisins, if using.

5. Spoon the pudding into serving bowls, then cover with plastic wrap and chill for at least 2 hours. Serve with a sprinkle of ground cinnamon or cardamom and whipped cream. if you'd like.

The accidental wine educator Kevin Zraly learned the ropes from novice to expert in 50 years

By Eric Asimov The New York Times

The history of wine in the United States owes a lot to something of a happy accident.

In 1970, Craig Claiborne, then the restaurant critic of The New York Times, was driving from upstate New York back to the city when he stopped at Depuy Canal House Tavern, a restaurant in High Falls, New York.

He was so impressed with the place that he awarded it four stars, his highest rating, rarely bestowed and almost never outside New York City. The review appeared March 6, 1970, under the immortal headline "Restaurant Merits Three-Hour Drive."

Business exploded. Suddenly, city dwellers arrived, some asking for something called "the wine list." It fell upon Kevin Zraly, a 19-year-old waiter who had been assigned bartending duty, to respond to one particularly insistent

"'Sir, we have red, white and rosé,"Zraly recalled saying. "What else do you need to know?'

So began the storied career of the man who has probably taught more Americans about wine than anybody. When the frustrated customer got home, Zraly said in a phone interview, he sent the restaurant a copy of "The Penguin Book of Wines," a leading textbook of the time, which opened Zraly's eyes to wine.

For 50 years now, Zraly, 70, has helped Americans make sense of wine. Not only has he educated countless consumers, but he has instructed some of the most influential American wine professionals, who went on to teach multitudes themselves.

"He was a natural educator, bouncing all over the place like the Energizer bunny, but very knowledgeable and accessible," said



Kevin Zraly at Depuy Canal House Tavern in High Falls, New York, the site of his first wine class 50 years ago, where he worked at the time. MEREDITH HEUER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Joseph DeLissio, who took a wine course with Zraly in 1977 and spent the next 43 years as wine director of the River Café in Brooklyn.

Zraly most famously ran the wine program at Windows on the World, the celebrated restaurant atop the North Tower of the World Trade Center, from its inception in 1975 until it was destroyed on Sept. 11,

At Windows, he built the wine list into one of the best in the country, while his easygoing, hospitable style came to be a model for a generation of American sommeliers. He mentored many who wanted to enter the wine trade, particularly women, at a time when wine was regarded largely as a male bastion.

Zraly also taught wine courses at Windows, starting with the staff and eventually opening them to the public. Based on those classes, he wrote a book, "Windows on the World Complete Wine Course."

Through numerous editions since 1985, it has sold more than 3 million copies.

Anniversaries occur almost every day in the wine business. They are rarely worth acknowledging. But because of his influence and how the world has changed, it's worth looking back for a moment at Zraly's 50 years, which paralleled a revolution in America's food-andwine culture.

Back when Claiborne walked into the Depuy Canal House Tavern, the country mostly considered American food to mean hamburgers and convenience foods.

Zraly was like that too. Growing up in Pleasantville, New York, in Westchester County, he said, "I was steak, potatoes and

"Fancy food" was a synonym for French cuisine, which many Americans regarded with fear and suspicion. Wine was

either for wealthy sophisticates or for Skid Row. Flavored, fortified wines like Thunderbird and Wild Irish Rose were bestsellers.

At the same time, Zraly and the country were embarking on crash courses in the wider world of food and wine. By October 1971, Zraly,

now 20, was teaching his first wine course, on the fundamentals of cheeses and wines, with the help of John Novi, the chef and owner of Depuy Canal House Tavern.

Zraly visited New York's wine-growing areas first, then hitchhiked to California to see its budding vineyards. Finally, he traveled to all the great wine regions in Europe, visiting producers, seeing their methods firsthand and keeping assiduous notes. He knew so much that Joseph Baum, the restaurant entrepreneur who was conceptualizing Windows, hired him.

He was given the title

"cellarmaster." he said. because Baum didn't believe "sommelier" fit in an American restaurant.

That any American restaurant would have a cellarmaster or a sommelier was a rare thing in those days. In 1978, Frank J. Prial, the wine columnist for The Times, wrote an article about the virtual disappearance of the sommelier in restaurants, citing Zraly as one of a very few good young ones in New York, "the knowledgeable type, not the wine hustlers," he specified.

With an apparently unlimited budget, Zraly put together a world-class list, taking advantage of an economic downturn in Europe to buy up great wines at paltry prices. He was also an early investor in wines from California.

Baum gave him money to build a list, but that was it. With the restaurant filling the 106th and 107th floors, Zraly expected to have help.

"I asked him, 'How many sommeliers am I going to have?" Zraly said. 'None, you're it,'" was the response. "How am I going to do this? It's an acre in size, and another acre on the 106th. So I created the classes to train the staffbusboys, waiters, dishwashers, secretaries."

One of those on staff was Michael Skurnik, a would-be musician who got a job waiting tables at Windows in 1977. Arriving there already with an interest in wine, he became friendly with Zraly and eventually became his assistant, maintaining the cellar, doing inventory and moving lots of boxes between the 107th floor and the underground storage cellar.

"He opened my eyes to the possibilities of what I could do with my life," said Skurnik, who is now chief executive of Skurnik Wines, a leading New York importer and distributor. "Watching him be successful in his 20s at the top of the world made me realize that anything was possible."

Since Sept. 11, Zraly has taken his act on the road. He has taught the course in hotels, on cruise ships, at wine shops, to corporate clients, to pretty much anybody willing to pay what most recently was \$1,200 for the eight-week introductory course.

Then came the pandemic, and Zraly was stuck at home. He thought his career was over, but like so many other people, he discovered something new: Zoom.

Partnering with the retail website Wine.com, he took his classes to the internet. In the year since he began, he estimates he has taught about 4,000 students from 40 states and Canada, the areas where Wine.com sells wine. He sees Zoom now as his future.

What a great way to end a career," he said, "by starting a new one."



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The global allure of crispy chicken

By Yotam Ottolenghi The New York Times

Fried chicken, crispy chicken, chicken schnitzel: Is there another dish so ubiquitous and yet, so particular? Everyone has one, yes, but everyone has their own. An "Around the World in 80 Dishes" cookbook could easily be filled with nothing but fried chicken recipes: Austrian schnitzel, Korean fried chicken, Italian pollo fritto, Japanese tonkatsu, chicken Milanese, Chinese gong bao, Senegalese chicken yassa, Southern fried chicken and so on. Fried chicken is beloved globally.

It's easy to understand why. Chicken is accessible and approachable to cook and consume in a way that red meat isn't always. It's uncomplicated, often quick and, crucially, ticks the "What will everyone around the table eat?" box. And that's all before it's even fried.

In the world of things that can $\,$

be marinated, coated and fried, chicken is hard to beat. Once crispy and tender, chicken is the dish holding so many events

Behind every fried or crispy chicken recipe is a story. Books are dedicated to tracing the roots and politics of Southern fried chicken, the role slavery played in its history and the racist stereotypes that accompanied it.

Or the story can be one of movement, the journey a dish goes on within just one family, where the same secret recipe is guarded and passed down from one generation to the next.

Rather prosaically, the story also can be of what is on the shelf and in the cupboards that needs eating on a weeknight. This is certainly the case for me when I cook crispy chicken at home. Central European immigrants who came to Israel during the 20th century turned the chicken schnitzel into a standard weeknight fare in most Israeli homes. The schnitzel that was served nearly every time I stayed for dinner at a friend's house is what springs to mind when I open the fridge and cupboard in preparation for supper.

And then there are the stories and memories of fried chicken eaten with friends and strangers on my travels through Asia and back home in London — including the westernized Chinese lemon chicken I often loosely base my own version on.

Along with those memories, I have the ingredients that take up permanent residence on my shelves, which I reach for whenever I cook: fresh and preserved lemon, cumin seeds and cilantro, butter and broth, soy sauce and eggs. The result is a fast-food supper with a long, rich history: delicious enough to keep my kids at the table for long enough that I might actually get around to telling them some of the stories.

Double lemon chicken

The westernized lemon chicken that you'd get at local Chinese restaurants is the inspiration for this dish, where a sweet lemony sauce coats crispy fried chicken pieces. This Middle Eastern version uses a cheater's preserved lemon paste and plenty of fresh lemon to brighten it up. You'll make a little more lemon paste than you need; use it for salad dressing, toss it with roasted vegetables or swirl it into soups. Serve this dish with some lightly cooked greens and plain white rice.

Makes: 4 servings Total time: 1 hour 15 minutes

For the chicken:

2 medium egg whites (save the yolks for another use) 2 tablespoons soy sauce 2 tablespoons cornstarch (cornflour) Salt and black pepper

4 large boneless, skinless chicken

⅓ cup neutral oil, such as sunflower oil 1 spring onion, trimmed and finely sliced at an angle 1 tablespoon roughly chopped cilantro (coriander) leaves 2 tablespoons lemon juice (from 1

For the cheater's preserved lemon paste:

to 2 lemons)

1 large unwaxed (or well-scrubbed) lemon (about 4 ounce), ends trimmed and discarded, then cut into 1/4-inch-thick rounds, seeds (pips) removed ½ cup lemon juice (from 2 lemons)

2 teaspoons flaky sea salt

For the lemon sauce:

3 cups chicken stock 11/2 tablespoons unsalted butter 2 garlic cloves, peeled and minced 1 tablespoon superfine sugar (caster sugar), or granulated sugar 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric 11/2 teaspoons cumin seeds, toasted and roughly crushed in a mortar and pestle

11/2 tablespoons cornstarch (cornflour) 2 tablespoons lemon juice (from 1 to 2 lemons)

Salt and black pepper

1. Prepare the chicken: In a large bowl, whisk together the egg whites, soy sauce, cornstarch (cornflour), ½ teaspoon salt and a good grind of pepper just until there aren't any lumps, about 30 seconds. Working one breast at a time, place the chicken between 2 pieces of parchment paper and use a meat mallet (or the bottom of a

pan) to pound the chicken evenly so it's a scant 1/2-inch thick. Transfer to the egg white bowl and continue with the remaining chicken. Stir everything together gently to coat, and refrigerate to marinate for at least an hour (or overnight if you're getting ahead).

2. Meanwhile, make the preserved

lemon paste: Add all the ingredients

to a small, lidded saucepan set over medium-high heat. Bring to a simmer, then lower the heat to medium-low, cover and cook for 12 to 14 minutes, or until the rinds start to look translucent and the juice has reduced by about half. Set aside to cool slightly, then transfer everything to a small food processor and blitz until you have a smooth, spreadable paste, (You should have about ¼ cup.) Set aside 3 tablespoons for the sauce, then store the rest in a sealed container in the fridge for up to 4 weeks. 3. Make the sauce: Add the 3 tablespoons preserved lemon paste, the stock, butter, garlic, sugar, turmeric and half the cumin to a medium saucepan, then place it over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, then cook, stirring occasionally. for 15 minutes, until reduced by about a third. Measure out roughly 3 tablespoons of sauce into a small bowl, then add cornstarch (cornflour) and whisk until there are no lumps. Whisk this back into the sauce pot and cook for 1 minute, whisking continuously, until smooth and thickened slightly. Remove from the heat.

4. Heat the oil in a large high-sided frying pan over medium-high heat. Once hot (a sprinkle of cornstarch dropped into the oil should sizzle right away), fry two of the chicken breasts for 3 minutes per side. or until nicely browned and just cooked through. It should release easily from the skillet with a little help from a metal spatula. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate and continue with the remaining 2 breasts. It might spit, so turn down the heat if needed. Wipe out the frying pan, add the sauce and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Add back all the chicken breasts and cook for just 3 minutes, gently turning them halfway. Remove from the heat and stir in the 2 tablespoons of lemon juice. 5. Transfer the chicken breasts (cut them into strips, if you like) to a large serving platter with a lip and pour the sauce all over. Sprinkle with the remaining cumin. In a small bowl, toss together the spring onion, cilantro and remaining 2 tablespoons of lemon juice, and spoon this all over.

Looking for a new holiday turkey recipe? Try this one.

By Kathy Kingsley

In this herb-roasted turkey recipe, apples and shallots cook inside the bird to keep the meat moist and add rich flavor. The extra shallots in the roasting pan also give the gravy recipe a rich, caramelized-onion depth and, with apple cider, the gravy is delicious. The easy turkey stock adds extra flavor to the gravy, but you can use chicken broth instead.



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Apple-shallot roasted turkey with cider gravy

Makes: 12 servings Active time: 1 hour. 15 minutes

Total time: 3 hours, 50 minutes

For the turkey:

1 (10-to 12-pound) turkey 2 tablespoons canola oil 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley, plus 3 sprigs 1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage, plus 3 sprigs 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme, plus 3 sprigs

1 teaspoon kosher salt 1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper 11/2 pounds shallots, peeled

and halved lengthwise,

divided 1 tart green apple, quartered 3 cups water, plus more as

needed For the stock: 6 cups water

1 medium onion, peeled and quartered 1 medium carrot, chopped 1 stalk celery, chopped 1 teaspoon whole black peppercorns 1 bay leaf

1 sprig fresh thyme For the gravy: 3 tablespoons all-purpose

11/4 cups apple cider 2 tablespoons cider vinegar ¼ teaspoon salt Freshly ground pepper to taste

1. To prepare turkey: Position rack in lower third of oven; preheat to 475 degrees.

2. Remove giblets and neck from turkey cavities and reserve to make stock. Place turkey, breast-side up, on a rack in a large roasting pan; pat dry with paper towels. **3. Combine** oil, chopped herbs, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Rub the herb mixture all over the turkey. under the skin and onto the breast meat. Place herb sprigs, 6 shallot halves and apple in the cavity. Tuck the wing tips under the turkey. Tie the legs together with kitchen string. Add 3 cups

water to the pan. 4. Roast the turkey until the skin is golden brown, 45 minutes. Remove from the oven. If using a remote digital thermometer, insert it into the deepest part of the thigh, close to the joint. Cover just the breast with a double layer of foil, cutting as necessary to fit. Scatter pan around the turkey. to 350 degrees. Return the turkey to the oven and

the remaining shallots in the 5. Reduce oven temperature continue roasting until the thermometer (or an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the thigh without touching bone) registers 165 degrees, 1 to 1 ¾ hours more. If the pan dries out, add 1 cup water and tilt the turkey to let juices run out of the cavity into the pan.

Season with salt and pepper. **12. Remove** the string from the turkey and carve. Serve 6. Meanwhile, prepare with the gravy.

stock: Combine neck and giblets (except liver), 6 cups water, onion, carrot and celery in large saucepan; bring to a boil. Add peppercorns, bay leaf and thyme. Reduce heat and simmer, skimming and discarding foam, for 1 hour. 7. Strain stock through a fine-mesh sieve into a medium bowl and let cool. Discard solids. transfer to a serving platter

8. When the turkey is done, (reserve pan juices and shallots), tent with foil and let rest for 20 minutes. 9. Meanwhile, prepare

gravy: Whisk 1/2 cup of the cooled stock with flour in a small bowl until smooth. 10. Set the roasting pan over two burners on mediumhigh heat. Add cider and vinegar; bring to a boil and cook, scraping up the browned bits from the pan, until the liquid is reduced by about half, 6 to 8 minutes. Add $3\frac{1}{2}$ cups of the stock. Increase heat to high; return to a boil, whisking often. Boil until the liquid is reduced by about half, 8 to 12 minutes. 11. Whisk the flour mixture into the pan. Boil, whisking constantly, until the gravy is thickened. 1 to 3 minutes. Remove from the heat and pour the gravy through a fine sieve into a large measuring cup. (Discard the solids.)



Offer these apple cakelets for brunch on Sundays. **DREAMSTIME**

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Apple cakelets are versatile fall treat, no slicing required

By Diane Rossen Worthington

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When I developed this recipe, I wanted to serve these as little cakes. You can call them muffins, but who doesn't like a fun name for a familiar sweet?

I like these cakelets because they are individual servings ready to be

stacked on a pretty platter, no slicing required. The tender-crumb cake is studded with moist apple nuggets and topped with a spiced golden crispy streusel.

The recipe couldn't be simpler. The streusel incorporates pumpkin pie seasoning, so you don't have to buy multiple spices. You can also

cut the apple into a small dice if you like little apple pieces in your cake instead of slices. These spiced crumb cakelets will adapt to whatever menu you're serving. Offer these for Sunday brunch along with scrambled eggs or vegetable omelets and a fresh fruit salad. These also make a tasty afternoon snack with English tea.

Apple spiced apple crumb cakelets

Makes: 12 muffins Nonstick baking spray or muffin liners

For the crumb topping: 1/2 cup unsalted butter

1 cup all-purpose flour ²/₃ cup sugar 1 teaspoon cinnamon

For the cake:

2 teaspoons pumpkin pie seasoning

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour 1 cup sugar

1 tablespoon baking powder

peeled, cored and thinly sliced

1/4 teaspoon salt

¾ vegetable oil ⅓ cup milk

3 eggs 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract 1 medium Fuji or Golden Delicious apple, 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a (12-cup) standard-size muffin tin with nonstick baking spray or line with liners. 2. In a medium bowl, combine the crumb mixture. Use your fingers to break up the mixture until it resembles crumbs. Set aside. 3. For the cake: Combine the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in a large mixing bowl. In a measuring cup or small bowl, combine the oil, milk, eggs and vanilla and blend well. Slowly add to the flour mixture, mixing well until the batter is smooth. Add the apple slices and mix to combine. 4. Spoon the batter evenly into the muffin

cups. Divide the crumb mixture on top of the muffins and pat down well so it will stick when they are baking. Place the muffin pan on a baking sheet.

5. Bake the cakelets for about 40 minutes or until a wooden skewer comes out clean and the tops are nicely browned. Let cool slightly and unmold. Serve warm.